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### WASHINGTON LETTER.

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### For the Democrat

Democratic magnanimity was strongly contrasted with republican selfishness when the Southern Senators voted with the northwestern Senators to place binding twine on the free list. The great grain producing states are the largest users of binding twine. But when the Southern Senators asked for an amendment to the tariff bill placing cotton bagging, which is used by the cotton producing states, on the free list, the republican Senators voted solidly against it. That is just the sort of sectional legislation that has created a "solid South" and as long as the one continues the other is likely to remain. It is a bad rule that does not work both ways.

The anti-Reed republicans, and there are lots of 'em, are "kicking" vigorously, because they say that the Republican Congressional Campaign committee is being used to boom the Speaker for the Presidency. There is no longer any doubt of Reed's having shied his castor into the Presidential ring and the weaker candidates, including Mr. Harrison, are becoming panic-stricken at the prospect. They fear the power of the big man from Maine whose shadow is beginning to obscure all of

them. The democrats would ask nothing better than Reed's nomination; they believe that an overwhelming majority of the people of this country are opposed to the un-American methods by which he has tyrannized over the House of Representatives.

This week will see the outrageous tariff bill passed by the Senate. A number of the republican Senators have shown a temporary spirit of independence in voting against sections of the bill which discriminated against their constituents; but their courage ended there, and through fear of the party lash they will stultify themselves by voting for it as a whole. The reciprocity amendment is a delusion and a snare, and it is only reciprocity in name, as experience will demonstrate; or else the high protectionists in the House would not (as they have done) have promised that the House would accept it. The bill is nothing more nor less than an official repayment by the consumers of the United States of the money contributed by protected manufacturers during the last Presidential campaign to the republican corruption fund. Fortunately the voters of the country will have an opportunity in November of expressing their opinion of such methods.

Representative Breckenridge, of Arkansas, has been illegally and unjustly deprived of his seat in the House, but as he expressed it in the closing words of his speech "I take an appeal to the people, regardless of party, in the district I have the honor to represent, on the broad ground of common honesty and in November they will reverse your conclusion and rebuke the methods by which you reached that conclusion."

The scandal piles upon Commissioner of Pensions Raum, but he does not resign, nor do his superiors in office give any signs of asking for his resignation, although common decency should have caused them to do so as soon as he unblushingly acknowledged having borrowed \$12,000 on notes endorsed by pension attorney Lemon. But there is worse to come. He has been engaged in some business transactions worse than the refrigerator company, of which one of his would-be judges—Representative Sryser of Ohio—is a large stockholder, and Representative Cooper, who first formulated the charges, is in possession of the facts, and he intends to see to it that the public has them, even if the republicans on the white washing committee shall refuse to investigate them.

The speech of Representative Kennedy, an Ohio republican, charging Senator Quay with being a felon and a modern Judas Iscariot, may have been strictly true—many people believe that it was—but the floor of the House was no place for it to be made, and it would have

been well had the House adopted the resolution expelling Kennedy which Representative Boatner of Louisiana prepared, but was dissuaded by his democratic colleagues from introducing. The speech will, it is said, be "revised" before it is printed in the Congressional Record, but that is no palliation of the offense against good manners committed by Kennedy. An expulsion or two would have a wonderful effect upon the manners of the House.

The conference report on the River and Harbor bill has been adopted by the House, but it is hardly probable that the Senate will act upon it before next week.

Secretaries Windom and Tracy "do not speak as they pass by," because of the assignment of a naval officer by the latter against the wishes of the former, to certain duties in connection with the Light House service.

Senator Edmunds has not up to date called up his recess resolution. There will be a lively time when he does.

### VANCE'S JOKE.

The following characteristic incident is taken from the Senate proceedings of last Saturday, the pending question being to increase the tariff on raw wool:

"Mr. Vance admitted his inability to understand Mr. Allison, when he insisted on increasing the duty on raw wool for the benefit of the wool-grower while alleging all the time that it was not going to make any difference, but that if it did make any it would be rather to make wool cheaper.

The bill would either, said Mr. Vance, "raise the price of wool or it would not. If it would not, those who voted for the bill were only humbugging the farmer. It would either raise the price of woolen goods or it would not. If it would not, then it would be of no use to the manufacturer. If it did raise the price to the consumer, then Mr. Aldrich's theory was all wrong, and he could take whatever horn of the dilemma he pleased. It reminded him of the verse written by the local poet of a newspaper upon the old darkey fisherman who one day hooked a big catfish that was to quick for him, and pulled him off the rock into the river, where he was drowned

"The neighbors never could make out By the aid of all their figuring, Whether the old nigger went catfishing Or the catfish went a niggering." (Laughter on both sides.)

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### ANOTHER PROMINENT REPUBLICAN DISGUSTED.

Mr. William A. Guthrie, a prominent Republican and a fine lawyer of Durham, last week published a card forever renouncing his allegiance to the Republican party. Mr. Guthrie has been a life-long Republican from principle and has been twice nominated for Supreme Court Judge by his party and each time polled more votes than the rest of the ticket. Mr. Guthrie gives his reason for leaving the Republican party. The main reason is its position with reference to the force bill as declared in their platform the other week. Another reason is that he has recently discovered that the Republican party in this State is ruled by a ring of federal office holders and revenue-men, who are furnished with funds to bribe Democratic voters. Mr. Guthrie being an honorable man and a Republican from principle has renounced his party which is now a party without principles. Mr. Guthrie recognizes the fact that the existence of the Republican party in North Carolina is only for the purpose of obtaining the federal patronage, and he also recognizes the fact that the negroes claim that they constitute the great majority of the party and that the spoils belong to them. The negroes have drawn the color line within the Republican party, and Mr. Guthrie rightly thinks that it is time for white men to withdraw from its ranks. We welcome Mr. Guthrie into the Democratic fold. When we heard Mr. Guthrie deliver a speech at the banquet to the Press Association in Durham, in which he said that, if the Republican party attempted to pass the federal election bill, he was a white man, we then thought, "old fellow, you won't be a Republican long," and we are glad that it turned out to be so. Mr. Guthrie is an accession to our ranks of which we should feel proud. We hope to see numerous decent white Republicans follow his example. It is high time for Republicans from principle to awake to their surroundings and company. —Dallas Eagle.

### COUNTERFEIT MONEY.

A report comes from Columbia, S. C., that merchants in that city have been troubled very much of late by the circulation of counterfeit money. The denominations are \$10 and \$5 in paper and \$1 silver. The paper currency is a good counterfeit, and likely to deceive, but the silver coin is a poor imitation, and may be easily detected by an experienced person. It is not at all unlikely that some of these counterfeiters may find their way to Charlotte. —Charlotte News.

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### AND STILL THEY COME.

G. W. Jackson, Jr., Quits the Grand Old Party.

Permit me to announce through the columns of your paper that I have after mature deliberation severed my connection with the Republican party, and henceforth intend to give my support to, and act with the Democratic party.

For twenty years I have voted squarely the Republican ticket—been constant, in season and out, in endeavoring to promote its success. But the history of this administration, in the manner it has betrayed its trusts and violated its promises to the people, its utter disregard of the wants and needs of the mass of our people, in refusing to amend the present iniquitous tariff for their relief, and its wholesale slaughter of the surplus in reckless pension legislation, has determined me to cast my lot hereafter with the true political friends of my country and its toiling poor—the Democratic party.

In doing so, I feel satisfied that I am discharging a conscientious duty in sincere faith. Very Resp., GEO. W. JACKSON, JR. Long Ridge, N. C., Aug 18.

### Cold Comfort for the Negroes.

RALEIGH, N. C. Sept. 10.—[Special]—The negro State convention held here last month appointed a committee of influential negroes to go to Washington and lay before the President the grievances of the North Carolina negroes and to state that they were over ridden by white republican bosses who gave them no position. The removal of these bosses from office was to be asked for and the demands of the negroes for recognition in the distribution of patronage were to be plainly laid before the President. The committee went to Washington and has returned. One of the members says the President treated the committee very kindly, but that his manner and words showed that he had been informed of a resolution which was before the convention, but which was modified before it was adopted. The original resolution stated that the President had erred in his appointments in North Carolina and also in ignoring the negroes. It was evident that some white republican had sent the President a copy of the original resolution. The President told the committee he was sorry such a state of affairs as it reported existed in North Carolina, but that he did not see how he could change it. The committee therefore got very cold comfort. —Wilmington Messenger.

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### Ransom and Oratory.

The Rockingham Rocket thus comments:

"The Wilmington Messenger classes Senator Ransom among the orators of North Carolina. Of course there are differences of opinion, but it is the first time, we believe, that we ever heard Ransom accused of being an orator."

We do not remember before to have seen it denied that Senator Ransom is an orator. We have often seen in some of the leading prints of the State the opinion that he was the foremost orator in North Carolina. We are of the opinion, and have for a long time—a decade or more—he'd that in stately, imposing, graceful oratory he has not now, so far as we have heard, a rival in the State. His famous speech that has been so often spoken in political campaigns, requiring three or four hours for delivery, is perhaps the finest oration heard on the hustings in our State, in so far as style, delivery, sonorous and rhetorical sentences, graceful and dignified mannerism and noble sentences are concerned. It is true that Senator Ransom during his long term of office in the Senate has been heard but once in elaborate speech, but by common consent of those who read and those who heard his eloquent and graceful plea for reconciliation between the sections delivered some sixteen years since, it was pronounced to be a superlative effort of the kind, and gave him much renown at the time. The gifted and distinguished journalist, Donn Piatt, said that it was one of the few speeches he had heard that he had preserved for future reading. Its rhetorical effects surpassed any speech by a North Carolinian in the Congress we remember to have read.

In "Southern Oratory"—a very neat and enjoyable book of selections made by a professor at Austin, Texas—this speech of Senator Ransom is largely drawn upon, and the selections are among the most striking in the book. Senator Ransom is not a debater, but when well prepared he can make a fine, elegant, and even eloquent speech. Perhaps after all, the Rocket and ourselves differ as to what constitute oratory. We did not think Edward Everett an orator, but we have heard oratory from Gen Ransom. Mr. Everett was rhetorical and cold, artificial and elegant; Gen. Ransom is rhetorical and studied in declamation, but he is at times impassioned and natural and he reaches the heart and stirs the emotion. —Wilmington Messenger.

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