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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

For the Democrat

Representative Flower aptly calls the tariff bill a cyclone measure, the aim of which is to break up all trade between the United States and foreign countries, and to enable the manufacturers to combine for the purpose of fleecing the people, while the farmers are allowed to foot all the bills without deriving the slightest benefit. Mr. Flower says that one item in the bill—binding twine—will ruin 300,000 workingmen in New York and New England. It was eminently fitting that the republicans of the House should, as a climax of their outrageous and unprecedented conduct in ignoring the rights of the people during this session of Congress have railroaded this bill, which financially affects the interest of every man, woman and child in the United States, through the House in just five hours, in spite of democratic protests against the injustice of such legislative methods. The bill is a triumph of the Chinese wall, high protective tariff wing of the republican party, and is a more unjust measure than any tariff bill yet put into operation in this country; it shows that Reed and McKinley are the dominating spirits of the republican par-

ty of today, and that the more conservative ideas, of some of the Senators of that party are not "in it," if I may so speak. The Senate is expected to agree to the bill tomorrow, and it doubtless will, but it will be a bitter pill for a number of the majority to swallow. But when the party whip cracks conscience and individual opinions count for nothing in the republican party.

The negro Langston, whom the republicans seated last week in the House, has developed a head of elephantine proportions. He intimated in a more or less incendiary speech, which he made to a lot of negroes, that he was a candidate for the Presidential nomination of his party.

There is a delegation of Georgia folks here who want Mr. Blaine to talk reciprocity at the opening of the Atlanta exposition, Oct. 15. They have also invited Mr. Harrison and the other members of his cabinet to attend.

Another good republican is in trouble. Mr. Wheat, post master of the House of Representatives, is, by resolution of the House, undergoing an investigation. He is charged with having compelled the contractor for carrying the mail to and from his office to pay him (Wheat) \$150 a month out of the money paid him by the Government and also with having a man on his pay rolls at \$100 a month who merely draws the money and turns over \$95 of it to Wheat's son. The investigation is being conducted by the House committee on accounts.

The Raun white-washing committee is again examining witnesses. It wants to know who furnished the New York Tribune with the information upon which some very severe criticism of Pension office methods was based. It is said that the majority of the committee will hold back its white-washing report until after Congressional election, for the purpose of preventing the democrats making public their minority report, which is understood to be a scathing argument of Raun.

There is a good rush of lobbyists who are endeavoring to get some of their bills through the House in the confusion which always precedes the closing of a session of Congress, and some of them will probably succeed.

A joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to spend \$1,000,000 in the purchase of nickel to be used in making nickel-plated steel armor plates for the cruisers now being built, was last week crowded through House and Senate under the plea of urgent necessity. As the supply of nickel is practically controlled by one firm, this looks very much like an old-fashioned republican job.

A number of bills carrying large appropriations, which have already been passed by the Senate, among them the shipping bills, which Mr. Harrison has taken a rather sus-

picious interest in—going to the extent of sending a special message urging Congress to pass them, and the Direct tax bill, which caused the memorable dead-lock in the House during the Fiftieth Congress, remain unacted upon by the House. The short session will be a grand hoot-time for the republicans.

Senator Ingalls says he didn't get \$600 for going to Pittsburgh the other day and making a republican speech. Perhaps he only got \$500.

The compound lard bill is believed to be dead, as it is almost certain that the Senate will pass the Paddock pure food bill as a substitute for it.

The stock gamblers lobby, headed by "Deacon" S. V. White, of New York, a former republican member of the House, have proven to strong for the Butterworth "Option" bill, and it is not likely that it will be heard of again in the House.

A joint resolution providing for adjournment tomorrow has passed the House, but from present indications the Senate will not be ready so early.

Headstones for our Confederate Soldiers who lie Buried at Fredericksburg.

Gov. Fowle has addressed the following open letter to the public. It is hoped that there will be liberal responses, and that others will add their names to these which appear below:

RALEIGH, N. C., Sept. 19 '90.
To the people of N. C.:

In the Confederate cemetery at Fredericksburg, Va., there are one hundred and sixty-four North Carolina soldiers, whose graves are without headstones. It will require three hundred and twenty-eight dollars to purchase them. Virginia, Maryland, South Carolina, Georgia Louisiana, Florida and Texas have placed headstones at the graves of each of their dead soldiers. Will not the men and women of North Carolina do as much for her brave soldiers?

Contributions for this purpose will be gratefully received and acknowledged through the columns of the *News and Observer* and the *State Chronicle*.

Money may be sent to Joseph G. Brown, cashier Citizens' National Bank, Raleigh, N. C.

DAN'L G. FOWLE.

A number of mad hogs have been killed on Hunting Creek during the past week, that were bitten by the same dog that created the panic in Morganton. One of these mad hogs, belonging to Ish Mull, made an attack on Mull's family and tried to get into the house to bite them. William Audis had two hogs to go mad, both of which died. We also learn that a hog belonging to Mr. J. M. Clark, who lives in Morganton, was discovered to be mad last Sunday morning and died Sunday night.—*Herald*.

A BLACK PRESIDENT.

The Prophetic Eye of Black Congressman Langston Foresees a Colored President.

Last week Speaker Reed forced out two white, democratic Congressmen Venable, from Va., and Elliott, from South Carolina,—and put in their place two negroes—Langston and Miller. On Wednesday night the Washington negroes turned out en masse and serenaded Langston. The following is a report of his speech taken from the Washington Post of Sep. 25:

"It is a high honor to confer on any American a seat in that House where Reed is speaker [cheers] where McKinley is leader of the party on the floor, and where Cannon and Grosvenor are. When a negro born in the State of Virginia makes his way, by the grace of God, into the House of Representatives, then he is honored, indeed, and so is the race he represents. I do not wonder that you turn out to congratulate yourselves when one of your race is given a seat in that House where the orators of Virginia used to stand when you were slaves.

Eight millions of people look tonight, proud of this victory of the colored race. Sixty million men thank God that they belong to a republican nation. The party of victory rejoices to-night that the class that it emancipated has advanced to take the weight of government on its broad shoulders. It was a great thing to come from the Old Dominion that gave us Washington and Jefferson and Madison and Monroe and Patrick Henry. Patrick Henry said to the world, "Give me liberty or give me death." We have got liberty. And now the slave class has advanced to liberty, we must save the negro. I say the negro must save himself. For no one can save you but yourself. As God has given us hands and arms and feet and eyes, intellects and genius and power, you shall save yourselves and no other shall save you. We enter on our duty bravely and valiantly. This is our government to aid and our fellows to save. If it is purpose that is wanted we will give it. If it is courage that is wanted we will give it by hogsheads, even, until the blood shall run in streams, if necessary, till by the commingling of white men's blood and black men's blood our country shall be the grandest and our government the grandest and most lasting the world has ever seen, or ever will see.

This is the significance of the republican victory in the House of Representatives yesterday. We will go forth and conquer in the name of the whitest and the blackest man in the country. We shall aid in the interpretation of the Constitution and its application. We shall consider the question, of a pure ballot in a guarded and protected ballot-box the shield that preserves our national integ-

rity? Men used to give us rights. We will help to give the country rights now. We are in the great Congress of the nation. We will advance to the Senate, and when necessary, when the negro has grown great and learned and magnificent as he is now loyal and true, he shall go to the President's chair. [Cheers]. We'll not stay anywhere. They said "no nigger shall represent the fourth district of Virginia;" and with Reed to lead, McKinley to defend, Cannon to advocate, Grosvenor to speak, and Powell and Haughen to stand steadfast for the right, victory is ours. Let me tell you what we are going to do down in Virginia. We will send almost a republican from the Alexandria district, if not entirely a republican.

They say Frank Hume is going to be elected. If he is the right man let him be elected. We will send a republican from the Fredericksburg district, a republican from the Norfolk district, a gallant man that every time the roll was called in the House voted for Langston and equal rights. "What are you going to do in the fourth district?" Why I have been nominated in every prayer meeting all over the district. [Cheers, Cheers]

* * * Old Virginia finally, having sent six or seven republicans to the next Congress, will be carried in 1892. It may be that Reed will be our candidate [Continued cheering], and it may be Harrison. But it makes no difference, whoever it is, Clark son or any other man. Virginia will go 20,000 majority for that man, true to the negro and true to the republican party; fast in liberty as once she was fast in slavery.

* * * Our course is onward, always onward. That classic sycamore under which you now stand, [pointing to a fine old tree in the yard], was given me by Charles Sumner to plant here to mark this spot."

EDITOTIAL SKETCHES.

Speaker Reed assayed the role of a "funny" man the other day in Philadelphia. Before he does it again he should obtain a clown's outfit.

The negro voters in the doubtful states must be propitiated; hence the theft of the seats of two legally elected white members of the House of Representatives.

Every democrat in the House of Representatives should provide himself with a pair of "Kilgore boots," and be prepared to use them whenever necessary.

If the World's Fair is to be run in the interest of the republican party exclusively, and it begins to look that way, it is certain to be a colossal failure. The selection of republicans for Director General and Secretary was hardly accidental.

The republicans show their fear of Mr. Cleveland by the persistent regularity with which they start rumors of his failing health. His health and his intellect are both entirely too vigorous to suit the republican leaders, and unless all outward indications are at fault they bid fair to remain so for some years to come.

Why don't Speaker Reed station a United States soldier alongside of every democrat's seat in order to compel those gentlemen to remain in the House to help republicans manufacture political capital? It would be no greater perversion of the principles of a republican form of government than other things he has done. Perhaps he hasn't thought of the soldiers yet.

Democrats, do not allow yourselves to be lulled into a feeling of false security by republicans who pretend that they will make no effort to control the next House, and that they would prefer transferring the responsibility to the democrats. Such talk is bosh; the republicans want the House and are prepared to spend unlimited money, which the protected manufacturers have contributed in order to get it. The democrats can win if they will only work hard enough.

The manufacturing Shylocks have demanded their stipulated pound of flesh of the republican party, and not daring to refuse them the republican party has allowed it to be cut from the most vital part of the man who produces the real foundation of a country's wealth—the agriculturist. Whether the operation will kill the victim depends upon whether he proposes to meekly stand the treatment of high tariff plasters, which is all that is being done to stay the flow of his life blood.

The action of the republican majority of the House of Representatives in giving the seat of Col. Elliott, of South Carolina, to a negro contestant without a word of argument, and without even giving Col Elliott an opportunity of speaking in his own behalf was unprecedented, and a more revolutionary act never took place upon the floor of either branch of Congress. Well may the venerable Representative Vaux, who so ably succeeds the late Samuel J. Randall, exclaim "the empire is coming!" and well may the independent New York Herald characterize Speaker Reed as the American Robespierre; and if the people do not administer a stinging rebuke to the republican party by hurling it from power, there are leaders in its ranks audacious enough to attempt to found an empire, even though it be necessary to go through the horrors of a "Reign of Terror" to do so.

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