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ATTENTION!

My duties confine me closely to Carolina, and I would exchange, on favorable terms, \$10,000 of stock in a phosphate company in Florida, my late residence, for a suitable farm in the mountains. ALEX. Q. HOLLADAY, Raleigh, N. C.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

W. W. Dudley, of "blocks of five" notoriety and ex-Assistant Postmaster General (Clarkson, both shining lights in the republican national committee are, if my informant isn't mistaken, and he assures me that he isn't, now handling "blocks of five" hundred dollar bills, as the disbursing officials of Jay Gould's Western Union Telegraph lobby which is said to have divided \$50,000 among certain members of the House for the purpose of defeating Mr. Wanamakers postal telegraph bill. The bill has really never had much chance of getting through, because of a lack of general interest in it, but Dudley and Clarkson made Gould believe that it was certain to go through, unless something was promptly done to prevent it, and the particular "something" in this case was the paying out of a big pile of the "little wizards" money.

Another scheme backed by a big lobby is the Nicaragua Canal company's bill making the United States Government endorse \$1,000,000, 000 of its bonds. This lobby is made up of members of both political parties, and all of them are either officials or ex-officials of either the House or Senate, which gives them unexcelled facilities for reaching Congressmen facilities that they have not neglected. The bill will pass the Senate without a doubt, but by the time the House hears from the country it will probably strike a big snag, although the lobby hopes to rush it through during the closing hours.

The administration scheme for killing the free coinage bill is now being boldly worked by the anti-silver majority of the House committee on coinage. It gives Mr. Harrison two chances of killing the bill without squarely vetoing it. The aim is to keep the bill in committee under pretense of "hearings" until within ten days of the end of the session; then it will be reported. If the House has time to vote upon it, and passes it. Mr. Harrison may then quietly dispose of it by what is known as a "pocket" veto, by not signing it previous to the expiration of the Fifty-first Congress.

The anti-silverites claim that the vote of the House—134 to 127—sustaining a decision of the Speaker declaring Mr. Elands motion to attach the free coinage bill as an amendment to an appropriation bill to be out of order, makes it certain that the free coinage bill cannot pass, but the claim is not based upon a solid foundation. There were only eleven republicans who voted against sustaining the Speaker, and it is well known that there is a much larger number of republicans in the House who would vote for free coinage pure and simple,

if they were given a chance to do so. There was a proposition a few days since to have the Senate put the free coinage bill on one of the appropriation bills as a rider, but when it was suggested that the republicans of the House might add as another rider on the same bill, the force bill, the idea lost popularity with the democrats. A caucus of the House democrats passed a resolution asking that the committee report the silver bill.

Mr. Blaines reciprocity treaty with Brazil is being worked for all it is worth to carry the ship subsidy job through the House, and from present indications the probabilities are in favor of its doing it.

The democrats of the House have put themselves on record as opposed to the extravagant salary list of the World's Fair Commission.

The intelligence of the death of Representative Phelan, of Tennessee, who died at Nassau on January 30, did not reach this city until Saturday after-noon. It was known that his health was bad, but his closest friends were greatly shocked to learn of his death.

When the Senate got through amending the eight hour bill it would scarcely have been recognized by its best friends. It is believed that the republicans hope to kill the bill by getting it into a conference committee and keeping it there until the session ends.

Beginning to-day the Senate will have evening sessions daily to the end of the session. The House may or may not follow suit. The fact of the matter is that evening sessions have never been favorably regarded by the friends of legitimate legislation, although it has been customary to have them at the fag end of every Congress.

The pension sharks made no mistake in counting upon the assistance of the republican Senators to cut out reduction in fees placed in the pension appropriation bill by the House. The Senate made the attorneys fee for all future increases of pension \$5, instead of \$2, as the House had it, and upon motion of Mr Quay the new fee is only applications filed after this bill becomes a law. That motion, if not interfered with by the House, is estimated to be worth more than \$5,000, 000 to the pension attorneys.

Mr. Harrison is still wrestling with the army of hungry republicans, each of whom wants to be Secretary of the Treasury.

Peter Humble, a paralytic, was burned to death in his home in Randolph county, about three miles from Asheboro, Wednesday of last week. He and his little boy were alone at home when the house caught fire. He was helpless, and the boy not able to drag him from the building, though he was himself seriously burned in his efforts to save his father.—Ex.

THE MINUTES OF THE THREE FORK ASSOCIATION AGAIN.

Editor Democrat:

For the past three weeks I have noticed some articles in the columns of your paper concerning the minutes of the Three Fork Association. I have nothing to say in regard to who is responsible for the general appearance of these minutes, but, while the subject is before the members of the churches who compose the Association, I think it in order to make a few suggestions. We know that the character and standing of our Association abroad is judged by the minutes we send out, and, right here, I would like to give my idea of what the man who holds the office of Clerk of an Association should be. He should be a man who is fully competent to prepare the manuscript while the business of the Association is being transacted, thereby having each days proceedings ready for the press when the last exercises of the day are done, and on the following morning send it on to some thoroughly competent publisher who will have the minutes printed and returned to the churches almost as soon as the members of the Association reach their homes. Such is the custom of some of the associations in North Carolina, and there are men belonging to the Three Fork Association, who are fully competent to do this.

We do not wish to cast any reflections upon the present clerk, but he states that after his return home from the Mitchell county Association, (which was some time after the Three Fork's,) he prepared the manuscript and sent it to the press for publication; which proves there was a delay on his part that could have been avoided, had the manuscript been prepared and sent off as above suggested.

As a result of these long delays, the members and friends of the Association, who are desirous of reading a minute, has interest in what was said and done during the session long before they have the pleasure of seeing a minute; and not only this, but it also injures the character and standing of the Association. "Though we are not very near the railroad, we all know of the daily mails over most of the country. Then let us make use of all the facilities we have, and come as near up with the times as possible, and by so doing, avoid all unnecessary and adverse circumstances in the future. PEREGRINE. Boone, Feb. 1891.

The republicans are not likely to get much help from the new Alliance Senator, Peffer, of Kansas. He says he has left the party for good. Moreover he is against the high tariff and favors one of about 20 per cent on an average. "We believe that free trade, absolute in many articles, is oftentimes the very best form of protection," he said in his speech to the Kansas legislature after his elec-

tion; and he further declares that "protection by tariff as a general principle, is wrong." Judge Peffer also expresses strong opposition to the force bill, and in the matter of silver he wants free coinage and apparently everything else which he thinks will give the people more money. But at present it is noticeable that he is not insisting on the extreme demands of the Alliance for government loans of paper money on deposits of farm products and on lands.—Observer.

Ugly Fight Between Horse and Jack.

A battle to the death took place in Mercer county yesterday between a valuable saddle stallion and a jackass belonging to William Thomas, a stock-raiser. A few days ago a mad dog bit Thomas' little boy and the stallion. Yesterday the horse went mad, and kicking down the door to the jack's stall, began biting him. The jack retaliated, and for fifteen minutes they fought, using their teeth, heels and fore-feet. Finally the jack tore the stallion's left ear off with his teeth and the stallion then bit a piece from the jack's neck. This seemed to make the jack more ferocious than ever, and grabbing the lower part of the stallion's neck in his teeth he tore out the windpipe. But the high-mettled stallion did not give up, and before falling he kicked the jack on the left hind leg, breaking it just below the hock. He then fell dead. The jack uttered a loud, long bray and went back into his stable. He was covered with blood and wounded unto death, so that his master killed him to put him out of his misery. The boy was taken to a madstone. The stone stuck three times and he shows no signs of madness. It is believed he will recover.

BAPTIZED IN HER COFFIN.

Mrs. Mary Tyree, aged 23, was thrown out of a wagon in a runaway last fall and her spine was injured so that she became an invalid. She gradually sank, and last Monday fore-noon she was pronounced dead. All arrangements had been made for the funeral, when in a gasping voice Mrs. Tyree informed the friends at her bedside that she had "come back to life to be baptized." Dr. Myers, her physician, was called, and advised that the request be granted.

Accordingly Revs. W. A. Gross and J. F. Strait were called in and the rite administered by the immersion of the lady in a baptistery formed of the zinc lining of her burial casket. On being raised from the water the lady began singing and rejoicing, and, what was remarkable, her voice was strong and natural. In the bed once more she called for a cup of coffee and said she felt like eating something. Although she was weak she had no difficulty in breathing and lay very quiet, sleeping well through the night and resting easily. There are hopes of her recovery.—New York Herald.

They Are Passing Away.

There will be fewer republicans in the next House of Representatives than have sat in any House since the g. o. p. was organized. The following shows the number of republicans elected to each Congress since the birth of the party:

Thirty-fourth.....	108
Thirty-fifth.....	92
Thirty-sixth.....	114
Thirty-seventh.....	106
Thirty-eighth.....	106
Thirty-ninth.....	145
Fortieth.....	143
Forty-first.....	159
Forty-second.....	131
Forty-third.....	195
Forty-fourth.....	108
Forty-fifth.....	140
Forty-sixth.....	130
Forty-seventh.....	152
Forty-eighth.....	119
Forty-ninth.....	138
Fiftieth.....	152
Fifty-first.....	170
Fifty-second.....	87

It looks as if the g. o. p. were pretty well done for.—Ocala, Fla., Herald.

The democrats are making great effort to have a Constitutional convention called in Connecticut to give that State a democratic form of government.

At present towns like Hartford and New Haven, with ten and twenty thousand inhabitants, have no greater representation in the legislature than towns of a few hundred people. Up in the New England States, what we call townships are known as towns, and representation is based on them rather than on the counties, as with us. The republicans oppose any change. How they can resist the justice of the proposition seems incomprehensible. But they do, and here is an argument on their side taken from the columns of The Palladium:

"To amend the constitution as the democrats desire would be to give to the democratic party the absolute control of every State office and every office in the gift of a State officer or the General Assembly. It would be to place the selection of our United States Senators in the hands of the democrats for all time. It would be to hand over to the control of the ignorant and vicious masses of the cities the General Assembly, the great high court of our State."

We think we have heard some such utterances before; but the conditions to which they applied are very different from what exists in Connecticut where all the people are white and where they have had free schools for all the people for a century.

Alter this we hope to hear nothing more about Southern matters from Connecticut republicans.—News and Observer.

A bill has been introduced into the Legislature of Indiana providing that any man who shall be proven guilty of whipping his wife shall himself receive sixty lashes, and that the public shall be admitted to the jail yard to see him whipped.