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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

"The Carlisle tariff bill." How does that strike you as a popular title for the democratic tariff bill which is to be passed by the Fifty-third Congress? Unless a number of gentlemen who are in positions to know are wrong in their calculations Senator Carlisle, whose resignation as Senator will take effect the fourth of next month, is the man who will frame that bill. The great success of the Walker tariff bill, framed by President Polk's Secretary of the Treasury, was, it is said, what induced Mr. Cleveland to follow the same plan and entrust the framing of a tariff bill which is to be strictly in accord with democratic ideas, to his Sec. of the Treasury. It is not to be understood or inferred that this move is intended to deprive the Ways and Means Committee of the next House of any of its rights. The idea is merely to put into the hands of that committee a complete tariff bill, leaving its members to decide whether it shall be accepted as prepared or be amended before being reported to the House. Whatever one's opinion of this method of preparing the tariff bill may be, it cannot be denied that John G. Carlisle is by experience and ability specially well qualified to frame the democratic bill. He has for many years been a leading tariff reformer, and his name attached to the bill would, of itself, make it popular with the rank and file of the democratic party.

Much curiosity is felt concerning the answer that Secretary Foster will make to Representative Scott's resolution, which has been adopted by the House, calling for information as to the delay in the erection of public buildings for which the money has been appropriated by Congress. Mr. Scott says he is satisfied that the delay has been caused by the lack of money in the Treasury, and the facts are all apparently with him; but it is hardly probable that the wily Secretary of the Treasury will admit that.

Representative Bynum's resolution, which has been adopted by the House, calling on the Civil Service Commission to furnish a list of all the men reinstated in the classified service of the Government, under rule 10, since March 4, 1889, together with the date of their dismissal or resignation from the service, the states they were from and the States charged with their appointment, the date of their reinstatement, and the departments in which they were reinstated. Rule 10, referred to in this resolution was gotten up by republicans ostensibly to allow the reinstatement within one year of their dismissal or resignation of ex-soldiers, but if the information called for by the resolution be truthfully given it will be seen that it has been terribly stretched,

both as to time and persons. It would be much better to absolutely suspend the Civil Service law so far as it relates to appointments and removals, for the first year of every administration, as proposed by, Rep. DeArmond's bill, now in the hands of a House committee, than to evade it, as has been done under this administration; besides, it would be much more manly and honorable.

The favorable report to the House on the bill repealing all federal election laws contains some very strong language, but, as the report truthfully says, "these laws are a continued menace to the peace and welfare of the country," and nothing said against them can be too strong. The House will pass this bill, not with any expectation that it can get through the Senate at this session, but to emphasize the position of the democratic party against these laws.

The republicans of the Senate have apparently adopted a sort of go-as-you-please pace. Two attempts have been made within the last week by means of caucuses, to get them together, but they were both failures. The most of them appear to wish to avoid doing anything, aside from some special bill in which they are interested, and to be unable to interest a sufficient number of their colleagues in any one measure to get it endorsed by a caucus. Having given up the silver question entirely, they will this week caucus on the admission of new States. When the results of the last election are considered the republicans are excusable for being slightly demoralized.

Senator Wolcott has been having some fun at the expense of the Postmaster General. He don't like Columbus stamps, and Saturday he made a humorous speech in favor of his joint resolution directing the Post Master General to stop the sale of them, and he raised a laugh by saying that he had a letter from a physician saying that if the sale of these stamps was stopped the stock on hand might be utilized as chest protectors. He intimated in relation to Mr. Wannamaker's statement that \$1,500,000 profit would be realized from the sale of these stamps to collectors that this Government was too big to go into the chronobusiness, a business that might do for some little Central American state, that was a few thousand dollars "shy".

Things are now going with a rush at the headquarters of the Inaugural committee, and so great has been the demand for hotel accommodations that good quarters are getting scarce.

Carolinian: Hyams, the great Bakersville reporter, has been licked. Some smart Aleck out in Johnson City imagined he was fore-ordained to administer a flogging to the poor fellow and proceeded to do it.

## "THE BEAST IS DEAD."

Nashville American.

"Old Ben Butler is dead! Early yesterday morning the angel of death, acting under the devil's orders, took him from earth and landed him in hell. In all this Southern country there are no tears, no sighs and no regrets. He lived only too long. We are glad he has at last been removed from earth and even pity the devil in the possession he has secured.

"When Grant died, it was with the respect and the esteem of the Southern people. When Sheridan died, all the harm he did our cause during the bloody contest of more than a quarter of a century ago was forgotten, and his seeming cruelty had grown to be held as love of country and his terrific assaults as great generalship. When old Tecumseh Sherman passed away, the people whom he devastated and robbed of property and precious lives were pleased to forget the bonfires he made of our cities, the path of death he cut to the sea, and they now hold him as one who loved well his country and was cruel only to be true.

But with Ben Butler it is different. His stay in the South was a curse to our people and his dead body cannot shake the estimate formed of his character when he sat in New Orleans as a military satrap upon the lives and property of defenseless men and women.

"We have no love for him, and praise of any kind, solely because he is at last dead, would be the veriest hypocrisy from the Southern people. There is nothing in his whole life to excite our admiration. When it is said that he was possessed of great intelligence and undaunted energy, all that is to his credit has been said.

"He was a truckling demagogue, whose selfishness amounted to pollution; he was an autocrat who used power to wreak personal revenge; he was mean and malignant, a hangman from prejudice, the insulter of women, a braggadocio, a trickster and scoundrel whose heart was as black as the smoke from the coals that are now scorching his soul.

If there be a future of peace in store for Ben Butler after his entrance upon eternity then there is no heaven and the Bible is a lie. If hell be only as black as the Good Book describes it, then there are not the degrees of punishment in which some christians so firmly believe. He has gone, and from the sentence which has already passed upon him there is no appeal. He is already so deep down in the pit of everlasting doom that he couldn't get the most powerful ear trumpet conceivable to scientists and hear the echos of old Gabriel's trumpet; or fly a million kites and get a message to St. Peter who stands guard at heaven's gates.

"In our statute books many holidays are decreed. It was an egregious oversight

that one on the death of Ben Butler was not fore-ordained. It should be a day of merry-making. The 'Beast' is dead. The cymbals should beat and the tin horn should get in its exultant work. Butler has gone where he can issue no more orders making the rape of the Southern women a gala pastime. He has gone where there are no more spoons to be stolen. He has gone where it is not in his power to order hanged Southern gentlemen for alleged treason against Butlerism.

"Good-bye, Ben! You strutted through a few temporal triumphs; now rest if you can in the brimstone glare of hell fire. You laughed twenty-five years ago when you branded your offensive personality upon the memory of your superiors; now smile if you can when powerless and sunk so low as to be beyond the sympathy of even christian men and women."

## What a Southern Soldier Thinks About It.

Cor. Landmark.

The foregoing appeared in the Nashville American of a recent date, and for downright fiendish malignity has no parallel in the English language. The writer from whose head and heart such sentiments emanated, represents a few fools North and South who were responsible for the late war in this country, a class of extremists, who are still doing all they can to keep the best elements of citizenship in the two sections arrayed against each other.

Such sentiments are a reflection upon the Christianity and civilization of the age, and how any sane man, unless he was at the time drunk, could have given expression to such is more than the human mind can comprehend. The author, and the newspaper in which the article appeared, should be denounced by every self-respecting citizen in America. And every patron of the Nashville American should at once order his paper discontinued. The Southern soldiers will blush universally to find that there is one such fiend in human shape as the author of the above in our Southland. No soldier could have so expressed himself about one dead. If a soldier at all, he was only one in name, a skulker, a coward. I was a soldier in the Southern army, was in the war from the beginning to the end, and I think I know the sentiment of the Southern soldiery in regard to such vile stuff as the above. I don't assume the task of defending the memory of Gen. B. F. Butler, nor is it necessary. "The dead lion heeds not the kicks of the living ass."

N. A. STIKELATHER.  
Olin, N. C., January, 1893.

Durham Globe: The whipping post would do two things: In the first place it would reduce taxation; and in the second place, it would cause those who are flattered to-day to go to the work house to have some little care. There is no reason in the wide world why the whipping post should not be re-established, while there is every reason why it should be.

## Let Your Light So Shine

A Japanese Senator recently got hold of an exposition of part of the Bible. Reading it attentively, he pronounced christianity a fine thing in theory, but the question was, Would it work practically? Thinking about it, he became dissatisfied with his life, and while in this state took a trip from Okayama to Ozaka. On the same steamer was Miss Barrows, and he heard she was a christian, and so watched her. Her deportment so impressed him that, though not a word passed between them, he was convinced that christianity was right in practice, as well as good in theory, and on returning home he hunted up a missionary and made public profession of faith, and has since been active in persuading others. Miss Barrows did not know she watched, or that anything special depended on her deportment. Had she behaved as many church members behave, especially when away from home, this Japanese Senator would have been repelled, and would probably have reached the conclusion that, however fair christianity might be in theory, it was a failure in practice. We never know what eyes are upon us. "Let your light shine."—Selected.

## Stop My Paper.

Lutheran Observer.

Now a newspaper in one aspect, is something like a hotel table. It presents to its readers literary viands and views from many different writers and many different subjects, to suit many different persons of many different tastes. There is something for the old and the young; the ministers and laymen, for parents and children, for the poetic and the prosaic, for the practical and devotional; and in short, for "all sorts and conditions of men"—and women too. If now, one of these classes of persons object to articles suited for any of the other classes, and rejects a newspaper on that account, he is just as unreasonable in this as if he refused to take his dinner at a hotel table because he objects to some article of food which others enjoy.

Watchman: The practice of pitting a man's private virtues against his public sins, in obituary estimates, tends to confuse moral distinctions. A man's character is not built like an ocean steamship in water tight compartments. Each man's life is a unity. There is an underlying principle which explains both his private and public life, and, until we apprehend that, we do not know the man. We are quite familiar with the human type which is all sanctity in public and very far from a saint in private. Just now, however, another type is evolving, namely, that of the man who is all hardness and avarice and self-seeking in public, but who is an angel the moment he crosses his threshold and gets on his dressing-gown and slippers.