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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Senator Harris believes that he can reach the final vote on the tariff bill before next Saturday night, if every Senator who has promised to vote for the bill will stand by him, to the extent of a little personal inconvenience and discomfort, and he has during the last 48 hours been trying hard to get them to agree. He has the promises of all the Democratic Senators he has seen, but he had not up to this morning, owing to the absence of several Democratic Senators and the sickness of Senators Gorman and McPherson, succeeded in getting the assurances of the quorum it will be necessary for him to have behind him to succeed in forcing a vote. It is now almost certain that the Republican Senators have been wilfully deceiving the Democrats in leaving them under the impression that they were on the eve of agreeing to name a day for taking the final vote. It is not probable that they will ever agree to set a date until forced to do so by the Democrats. There is no earthly reason for continuing the debate beyond this week, yet the Republicans are talking of keeping it up until the middle of July, and they will do it, too, if the Democrats do not prevent it by keeping a quorum of their own present to shut them off.

There is much dissatisfaction among Democrats in the House over the sugar schedule of the tariff bill as it has been adopted by the Senate, and the prediction is freely made by Democrats that the House will never agree to it in its present shape. It is argued by its opponents that the tariff on refined sugar is prohibitive and will result in no possible benefit for anybody except the sugar trust and an attempt is now being made to organize the Democrats in the House against it and in favor of free refined sugar.

The only one of the reciprocity treaties made under the reciprocity clause of the McKinley tariff law that was ever of any practical benefit in increasing the sale of American products abroad—that with Spain providing an exchange of certain products with Cuba and Porto Rico—will soon be abrogated by Spain. The State department has official information that the Spanish Cortes, will, by direction of the government, pass an act authorizing Cuba and Porto Rico to collect a transitory duty of 24 per cent on all articles now on the free list of the reciprocity treaty.

The House Commerce committee has decided that none of the Nicaragua canal bills before it were satisfactory, and has directed a sub-committee to prepare a new bill with these four objects in view: to prevent the payment to the present Nicaragua canal company of an excessive sum for its property and concessions; to keep spec-

ulators from profiting by the project; to provide for the insurance of United States notes for the cost of the construction of the canal rather than bonds, and to secure complete and permanent control to the United States government. Members of the committee express the belief that a bill along these lines can easily be passed, and that it will be approved by the people of the country.

The overwhelming defeat in the House of the bill for the repeal of the tax on State bank currency is regarded as an indication that there will be no financial legislation at this session of Congress, although Representative Springer has not abandoned hope of getting action on his bill for a national currency.

Coxey and his two lieutenants were released from jail yesterday, having served out their terms and paid the \$5, fines imposed upon two of them in preference to serving an additional ten days. The authorities refused to grant a permit for a parade, thus preventing a demonstration being made over their release.

Senator Walsh, of Georgia, made a hit with his bill providing for the establishment of a permanent exhibition of the industrial products and resources of all the states at the National Capital. Every body talks in favor of it.

Senator Brice gave the charges against him in connection with the alleged sugar trust scandal a bad black eye when he wrote to the Senate investigating committee offering his own testimony and that of his clerks in Washington, New York and Ohio, to prove that he has not bought a share of sugar stock since he became a member of the Senate in 1891, and requesting his brothers to make known to the committee every stock transaction of his upon their books. In accordance with that request Mr. Chapman, a member of the New York firm of Moore and Schley, stock brothers, testified that his firm had never bought any sugar stock for Mr. Brice, but he positively refused to answer questions concerning the business of his firm with other Senators. The committee will ask the Grand Jury to deal with Mr. Chapman. Nothing has so far been brought out by the committee reflecting upon the integrity of any Senator.

A DUCK IN A WELL EIGHT MONTHS.—Dr. Frank Whitehead says that a duck fell into a well at his father's farm, remained in the well eight months, and was taken out and is still living. The well hand caved at the bottom which made a short of pasture for the duck. When they would make an effort to get the duck out it would dodge under the cave. It was fed daily like the ducks outside. The happy duck again basks in the light of day.—Scotland Neck Democrat.

"WE THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD."

A Dramatic Scene Between Love at a London Railway Station.

A curious scene was witnessed yesterday afternoon outside Paddington station. A respectfully dressed young woman who had arrived at the terminus from the country was quietly proceeding in the direction of Edgeware road when a young man, also respectfully dressed, met her turned deadly pale and exclaimed, "Oh, Helen, we thought you were dead!" and would probably have fallen to the ground in a fainting condition had not the young woman and sympathetic wayfarers who witnessed the unusual occurrence assisted him into a temperance refreshment house, where restoratives were obtained.

Their case proved to be a strange one. The girl had for some time been a shop assistant at a village on the outskirts of South London and had there become engaged to the young man. She left her place and returned to her parents in the country for a holiday. Somehow or other a report was spread in the village that the girl had suddenly died from influenza, and the news appeared so circumstantial and detailed that it obtained general credence.

The lover was disconsolate, mentioned his grief to the pastor of the Methodist chapel where he and his sweetheart had worshiped, and the minister the next Sunday preached a funeral sermon, drawing suitable lessons from the unexpected decease of their young friend. All was over.

The young man was, it appeared, actually on his way to Paddington station, enroute to the home of the girl, with the view of visiting the grave, when he met her in the flesh, alive and looking very well. She declared that she had written to him once and was astonished not to have gotten an answer. He, on his side, averred that the missive never reached him. It is very probable that the Methodist minister who pronounced her funeral oration will soon be asked to officiate at a still more interesting ceremony, in which she will be one of two principal participants.—London Telegraph.

Dealing Out Justice.

Randall, Wilson colored, was up before justice Roberts for assault and battery upon his wife. The judge said, after hearing the evidence,

Randall you've done bad,
Your wife looks quite sad,
All sense of honor you've lost.

In whipping your wife,
You ruin her life,
I'll fine you \$5.00 and cost.

George Branch, colored, assaulted a colored brother and called him most fearful hard names and made things lively for a time about the city lot jump. George fell into the hands of justice Roberts and was adjudged guilty and requested to pay \$5.55.

A peace warrant and one for f. and a. were issued by justice Roberts.

HARD TACK THE REMEDY.

Modern Cook Said to Be Responsible for the Decay of Teeth.

The dentists of the period, who are nothing if not scientific, raise a note of alarm about the growing tendency to decay of the teeth of the present and the coming generations. Dental caries is said to be increasing in an "extraordinary and alarming" manner. Each succeeding generation shows a poorer quality of teeth. This a writer for the Hospital confirms to some extent by the experience of four generations of his own family. At one extreme was a grandfather at eighty-six, who died less than a score of years ago, with a mouth full of absolutely perfect teeth. At the other is the great-granddaughter of that old gentleman, who, at ten years of age, requires six of her teeth "filled" at the present moment. What can be the cause of this very unpleasant and even alarming condition of things? The dentists tell us that "dental caries marches hand in hand with civilization." If that be so, we can only devoutly wish that civilization would find a more encouraging and comfortable companion. But why does civilization insist upon destroying our teeth? Because, say the dentists, "the increasing perfection of the culinary art, by reducing the work of the masticating organs to a minimum," causes both teeth and jaws to atrophy and decay. So, then, it is the cook, the scientific cook of the schools of cookery, who, in the last resort, is at fault. Even our domesticated animals, our cats and dogs, are losing the excellence of their teeth for the same reason, and we shall no doubt soon have dentists among the veterinary surgeons as well as among the more august professors of the art of human medicine. These be uncomfortable prophecies! Can anything be done? A little, say the dentists. We must all go in for brown bread. Whole meal bread alone contains in quantity the flourine which is so necessary for the hardness and permanence of the teeth. Whole meal bread it must be, then, at morning, at noon and at night, if we would avoid the pangs of toothache and the pains of dentistry and save our precious teeth.

A FINE CATCH.

While on a business trip Henry M. Brown stopped off and went a-fishing on Scott's creek. He caught a trout that measured 18 inches in length and weighed 1 1/4 lbs. It was taken on a No. 10 hook with a nine-ounce rod, and is the star catch of Western North Carolina.

While on this trip Mr. Brown saw on the east fort Pigeon a woman 80 years old who climbed a tree that was 70 feet tall to the first limb, and brought down a swarm of bees in her apron. Mr. Brown saw the heroine of the story in the act of making fence.—Asheville Citizen.

SENATOR VANCE'S REMAINS.

Charlotte Observer.

ASHEVILLE, June 11.—All that is mortal of Zeb Vance, the body that on the 18 of April was buried in Riverside Cemetery, overlooking the beautiful French Broad river, about which he wrote poetic words in life, has become the object of a most unfortunate wrangle in the immediate family of the beloved dead. Last Wednesday, seven weeks after the interment, it will be remembered, Mrs. Vance came to Asheville and very quietly had the remains of the Senator removed from the grave in the old Vance lot in Riverside Cemetery to the spot that she had chosen and purchased for the purpose. This is the highest and most beautiful part of the cemetery, and it was planned that the monument to Vance's memory should be erected over this spot.

But the body was not destined to remain in its new grave long. Chas. N. Vance learned of the removal and came here Saturday evening. Some time Saturday night or before day Sunday morning the remains were again disinterred and placed in the plat where they were first buried, beside the grave of his first wife, young Vance's mother, where, it is understood, Charlie Vance is determined they shall remain if there be any possible way of enforcing his wishes. The grave has been guarded by a special officer since Sunday morning. It is said he agreed to the removal of his father's body provided Mrs. Vance would allow the re-interment of the Senator's first wife by his side, but this Mrs. Vance would not do.

This wrangle as the permanent resting place of the beloved dead is deplored by the people here, and it is feared that it will have an unfavorable effect upon the movement of organizing monument associations throughout the State.

About twenty-six millions of dollars have been paid to the sugar manufacturers under the bounty clause of the McKinley bill since 1891. This money was collected from the people by taxation, and then paid out of the treasury to the sugar men. As objectionable as the present Senate tariff bill is charged with being, it stops this bounty iniquity after the first day of January next, and the tax paid on sugar after that date will go into the treasury and not into the pockets of sugar manufacturers. Congress has the constitutional right to tax sugar to raise revenue to run the government, but to take money from the treasury and pay it to sugar manufacturers, or anybody else as a bounty, is robbery pure and simple.—Asheville Citizen.

Mt. Airy News: The worst enemy the Democratic party has is the man who goes around abusing the party while claiming to be a Democrat himself. He is a more dangerous than an open enemy and less muddy.