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### WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Since the beginning of time great men have upon momentous occasions resorted to extraordinary methods of focusing public attention upon certain things. One of those occasions was when President Cleveland's letter to Chairman Wilson, pointing out the betrayal of the Democratic party by certain of the Senate amendments and urging him and his colleagues on the part of the House to stand by the House bill, which is strictly in accordance with the principles professed by a long line of Democratic national platforms. There are Democrats who regret that the necessity arose for writing and making public such a letter, but it is not sufficient for even the most indifferent observer to see that the rank and file of the Democratic party is behind President Cleveland and the House, and consequently opposed to the hand full of Democratic Senator who forced the acceptance of undemocratic amendments upon their colleagues.

As matters now stand it is the power of that hand full of Democratic Senators to prevent any tariff legislation and leave the obnoxious McKinley law on the statute books, and some of them have gone so far as to publicly announce that they would vote against any report made from the conference that changed the Senate amendments, but the hope still remains that they will after careful thought discover that Senator Hill spoke words of wisdom when he told them that they were wrong and President Cleveland right and that sooner or later they would be compelled to surrender, because the President in demanding that the tariff bill provide for free raw materials was but reiterating the demand to-day, and for years past, of ninety-five per cent of the Democratic party. The Conference committee will again try to reach an agreement this week, but it must be admitted that the prospects for success are not promising, although some of the most level-headed Democrats in both House and Senate are earnestly working to calm the irritation and arouse the party fealty of those Democrats who feel personally aggrieved at the tone and language of President Cleveland's letter.

The House passed on Saturday by a vote of 137 to 49—a two-thirds vote being required—the Tucker resolution providing for an amendment to the Constitution, for the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people. This is the second time the House has put itself on record on this question, but the Senate has never taken it up seriously and there is little probability that it will do so now, although there are a dozen or more Senators who have publicly endorsed the idea.

It is but an act of justice for the House to pass the bill authorizing the Post Master General to reinstate without examination or certification by the Civil Service Commission any person who was dismissed from the Railway Mail Service between March 15, and May 1, 1889, or who was dismissed from the service after the last named date, upon any order made prior thereto.

It is well known that hundreds of competent and efficient Democrats were dismissed between the dates named, just after the Harrison administration came into power, in order that their places might be filled by Republicans before the service passed under civil service rules in accordance with President Cleveland's order issued just before the close of his administration, and such of those Democrats who wish to re-enter the service certainly have a good claim to the vacancies without having to go through the civil service mill.

No appointment made by President Cleveland has been more cordially approved than that of Representative Breckinridge, of Ark., to be Minister to Russia. The nomination was promptly confirmed by the Senate, but Mr. Breckinridge will not resign his seat in the House until Congress adjourns.

Senator Gray, chairman of the Investigating committee, has been misrepresented in connection with the reopening of the sugar trust investigation. He has been anxious from the first to get at the whole truth, no matter who it might affect, and when a Representative of the New York Herald, which made the charge that some Senators committed perjury in testifying that they had not purchased stock in the sugar trust, agreed to furnish the names of witnesses who could throw light on that charge, Mr. Gray at once accepted the offer in behalf of the committee, and the investigation was reopened. Instead of antagonizing the newspaper men by trying to compel them to violate confidence reposed in them the committee will endeavor to secure their cooperation in obtaining witnesses who can talk if they will.

### Did You Ever Notice It.

Did you ever notice the fact that the man who walks on the shady side of the street and takes off his hat to cool his head on a hot day is, nine times out of ten, baldheaded, while the man with a shock of hair—enough to make a window brush—never thinks of removing his hat, whatever the temperature may be? Watch it and see for yourself. Did you ever notice the fact that nice brick chimneys out of ten on ordinary buildings after the chimneys are eight or ten years old, always lean to the east or north? Fact! Look for yourself.

### ANNOUNCEMENT.

I hereby announce myself an Independent Anti-administration Democratic candidate for Solicitor in the 10th Judicial District. J. F. STRAINBORG.

### ELECTION OF SENATORS.

It is quite important to the people that the House of Representatives by more than the required two-thirds vote has passed a joint resolution providing for an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to change the mode of electing United States Senators and to elect them by a direct vote of the people. This is the second time the House has passed such a resolution. The first one died in the Senate for the members of that body are afraid of the people. The last thing they want is a direct vote. That would be the ending of many a Senatorial career. It is very certain a weaker, more inefficient, more unreliable Senate will not be elected by the people than the Senate has been through most of the last fifteen or twenty years. The Senate will pigeon-hole the last resolution adopted. The people should make up their minds to have the change. Let them elect Legislatures that will pledge themselves to vote for a resolution like that which has just passed the House of Representatives.

Let us mention here that the question of a popular election of the people is growing in public sentiment, and both in the North and in the South. Judge Walter Clark will have a paper soon in the Boston Arena, in which he present the progressive view of the subject.—*Messenger.*

The Kansas City 'Times' says that a farmer of Linn county, Kansas, while boring for water, has discovered a natural curiosity of a kind hitherto unknown. At the depth of ninety feet the drill penetrated a seemingly bottomless cavern. A strong volume of hot air at once rushed out, driving the drill upwards and disabling the machinery. The air is pronounced perfectly dry, and will burn the fingers and roast eggs and potatoes as nice as could be desired. The escaping air first made a noise like many little whistles, but now comes out with a roar to be heard a half mile away. Oblivious to the fact that he may have tapped the resting place of departed Kansas politicians, the Linn county man is going to move his house over the hole and utilize the discovery for steam heating purposes.

The New York Herald is for the Wilson bill and says that the "condemners have no right to listen to selfish comments." The people require ample and instant relief from the terrible burdens of "protection," which has brought only distress and disquietude, paralyzed our trade at home and abroad and formed strikes. The country cannot be safely treated any longer as a beast of burden. It has been "protected to death."

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### THREE STORIES.

Catawba county was, up to the outbreak of Populism, the banner Democratic county of the State, for years holding the banner presented by the late Zebulon B. Vance to the county giving the largest majority. Since the Third party sprang up, however, the Democratic majority has been cut down to the neighborhood of 1,000. This year the Democrats are confident of making an increase. But to the story.

A rampant Populist was making a speech to his followers in one of the county towns. There was enough enthusiasm to swell the orator's bosom, and he prepared for the effort of his life.

"Fellow citizens," he began, "I see—oh, the very idea of an educated man like me saying 'I see!' Fellow citizens, I have saw—"

But the sentence was interrupted by a tremendous outburst of appreciation from his hearers of the eloquent flight and what the speaker "had" saw will probably never be known.

Down in the eastern part of the State a Republican orator was addressing a crowd that included an old darkey that in the goodness of his soul did not know but that he was in a revival where all the brethren and sisters lend a hand in the service. The speaker was frequently interrupted by this old darkey's fervent "Thank God," and when he reached the end of his speech he said: "I am about to close my remarks." He was startled to hear from the old darkey, "Thank God," and the speaker sat down in a cyclone of applause.

Pullman's great diversion is a game of poker. He loves poker.

He was playing one Saturday night, and so deep was he in the game—so deeply interested, of course—that Sunday morning came before any body knew it and caught them in the middle of a jack pot.

"Look here," said one at the table, "this is setting a mighty bad example to the servants."

"I'll tell you what," answered Pullman, "we'll play out this pot and whoever wins it must send it to his church."

When it came to a show-down Pullman won. Next morning he sent the money, some three or four hundred dollars to his pastor in a note that begged the reverend gentleman to apply the money to the church's needs, and was signed "J. Pott." From the pulpit that day the minister informed his congregation of the generosity of J. Pott, who, he much regretted to say, he did not know.—*Asheville Citizen.*

Charlotte Observer: The renomination, by acclamation, of Congressman Bower, of the eighth district, at Wilkesboro, was a highly proper proceeding on the part of the convention. His record as a one-

term member has been honorable and creditable. During his next term he will make a still better showing for himself. He is a man of very fine ability and can speak as well as any man on that floor, and take care of himself as well as any man there in a running debate. We shall expect to hear from him in the Fifty-fourth Congress. It is much to be regretted that the North Carolinians, in both branches of Congress, who can talk won't talk. They serve their local interest well, but since Senator Vance died, the country would not know that North Carolina is represented in either branch of Congress, except that Senator Jarvis is gradually working to the front.

### SNATCHED FROM SURETY.

Marion, N. C.  
On last night at 10:30 o'clock Col. J. F. Morphew and Dr. J. W. Streetman were standing on Main street near the railroad bridge, when they noticed a man on the East wing of the bridge fastening a rope to a post of the railing. They recognized him as being Mr. Tom Finley, a young man about 21 years of age. Mr. Streetman ran for the police, and Col. Morphew hurried to Tom, who had one end of the rope tied to the post and the other around his neck. He reached him just in time to catch his coat collar, as he started to make the fatal leap from the railing. A portion of his body was over the railing when Col. Morphew by an awful struggle succeeded in pulling Finley back on the bridge. The bridge is about 25 feet above the railroad track, and the rope Finley had was 11 feet long. He had bought it the night before for the purpose of hanging himself with it. He is believed to be insane, and is now in jail for safe keeping.

### Guilty Flee When No Man Pursueth.

We picked up a Winchester rifle the other day and started down the street intending to deliver the weapon to its owner, from whom we had it the day before, but it did such effective work in the way of collections that we have made up our mind to keep it as long as we can. The first man we met on the street was J. W. Miller, who coughed up \$1.50 for a year's subscription to the Democrat before we even thought of pointing the gun at him. The very next man we met was a farmer whom we had always considered a star subscriber. He had not missed a paper or paid a cent in seven years. But when he saw that gun he waltzed up with a \$10 bill. When we got home we found a load of hay, fifteen bushels of corn and a barrel of turkeys, which had been brought in by delinquents. If money will buy that gun we are going to keep it to make collections with.—*Kansas City Democrat.*

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