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NOTICE.
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NOTICE.
Parties putting papers in my hand for execution will please advance the fees with the papers and they will receive prompt attention, otherwise they will be returned not executed for the want of fees.
D. F. BAIRD SHEP.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

If a more exasperating condition of affairs, from a Democratic point of view, ever existed in Congress than the present tariff complication it has been forgotten by the present generation. The principal issue in the campaign which gave the Democratic party control of the executive and legislative branches of the government was tariff reform. Since March 4, 1893, we have had a tariff reform President, a tariff reform majority in the House and a majority in the Senate each member of which claims to be a tariff reformer, and each of whom certainly represents a tariff reform constituency. Why then this difficulty in getting a tariff reform bill through Congress? That is a question that ought to be asked of more than one of the alleged tariff reformers of the Senate by their misrepresented constituents, and probably will be when some of them try to get re-elected.

At several times during the last week it seemed that the conference committee was about to reach an agreement that would be acceptable to both House and Senate. So promising was the outlook that the proposed caucus of the House Democrats was postponed indefinitely so as to leave the House conferees unhampered. But each time demands were made by Senators whose votes was necessary to get any agreement through the Senate which prevented an agreement being reached. After spending the greater portion of the week trying to arrange a sugar schedule that would be accepted by the House and the so-called "conservative" Senators, the conferees at last succeeded, but no sooner was the announcement made than it was met by the threat of the two Democratic Senators from Louisiana to vote against the bill if it were so reported, and in addition they stated that Senators Allen and Kyle, the populists, who had voted with the Democrats to pass the bill in the Senate, would join them in voting against the bill.

There is a general feeling that this week will settle the business, not so much from anything that is actually in sight as from the belief that it will simply be impossible to longer prolong the strain. Already Democrats are urging the conferees to agree upon some sort of a bill, the best that they can get, and let it go the Senate and either be accepted or rejected.

So general is the belief in Congress that this week will be the last of the session that a number of prominent Democrats have made their arrangements to leave Washington, as adjournment will speedily follow the disposal of the tariff. All of the appropriation bills, except two, have been disposed of and those two are in conference and will be sent to the Presi-

dent by the middle of the week. But among those who have their doubts about adjournment this week is Secretary Lamont, who remarked, when Senator Blackburn told him that the tariff bill would be put through this week and that Congress would adjourn on Saturday, "I would not want to wager on that." The Secretary is right. After what has happened no prudent man would want to wager on anything that this Congress would or would not do.

"Granny" Blair, who has kept so quiet since he managed to sneak back into public life by getting elected to the House that people have been disposed to forget his fool acts in the Senate and to credit him with at last having come into possession of the share of common sense which naturally belongs to every man of voting age. People were wrong. He is the same old "granny" Blair, and now that he has enlisted under the banner of Ida B. Wells, Quixotic charges may be expected of him at least as often as the moon changes. His resolution providing that the Commissioner of Labor shall investigate and report to Congress the number, date, location and attendant facts and circumstances of all alleged assaults by mails upon females during the past ten years, for, or on account of which organized, but unlawful violence has been inflicted or attempted to be inflicted; also, all lynchings during the same period, is on a par with his silliest acts in the Senate.

Speaking of his resolution, instructing the House committee on Ways and Means to report a bill for an income tax that will produce \$100,000,000 annually, and a bill placing all sugar on the free list, Representative Bland said: "If tariff legislation is defeated, and it now looks as though it might be, the tariff reformers will take a new line in the direction of any resolution. I am determined if we cannot have tariff reform that the trusts, at all events, shall pay into the Treasury a fair share of their enormous profits. That would benefit the people indirectly even if they fail to secure the reduction on the necessities of life that they demand. I know that the bills proposed by my resolution would pass the House and I believe that they would get through the Senate."

Representative Bryan, of Nebraska, has formally announced his candidacy for the United States Senate. He will make a personal canvass of the State, and expects the support of the populists as well as the Democrats.

An exchange asks, What is home without a newspaper? and then proceeds to answer in this fashion: It is a place where old hats are stuffed into broken windows; wife looks like a bag of wool with a string tied around the center; where the husband has a tobacco juice panorama printed on the bosom of his shirt, and the neglected children wipe their noses on their jacket sleeves.

NO FUSION IN BURKE.

Morganton Herald.

Rev. R. L. Patton, the acknowledged head of the People's party in Burke, is our authority for stating definitely that there will be no "fusion" in Burke this year. Mr. Patton takes the position that the People's party is a party of principles and that it has not been organized simply for the purpose of giving a few ambitious men office "right away." Believing this, he says he expresses the sentiments of a majority of the Populists in the State when he declares himself unalterably opposed to forming an alliance with any other political organization whose principles are not identical with those which the People's party has promulgated. Mr. Patton attended the recent Populist convention at Raleigh, and he declares that a resolution against fusion would have passed the convention by a large majority, and he says that the prevailing sentiment in his party throughout the State is in favor of "keeping in the middle of the road" and waiting for time to demonstrate the soundness and the wisdom of the principles they profess. In obedience to this sentiment the People's party in Burke has called a county convention to meet in Morganton on Aug. 18th to nominate a straight People's party ticket all the way up and down. They strenuously oppose fusion in their Congressional district and in the State, and if any of the so-called them off, there is going to be "music in the air." In view of the wide discussion of the fusion idea, the above may be of interest as showing which way the tide is setting in this quarter.

What Judge Clarke Says About His Pop Nomination.

Judge Clarke was interviewed by your correspondent and said that the action of the Populists in endorsing him for the position of Associate Justice was neither sought nor in any way encouraged by him; that while he greatly appreciated the desire of any body of his fellow citizens for his election to the position it must be distinctly understood that he is a Democrat and is not and has not been a candidate for any nomination except that of the Democratic party; that if nominated by the Democratic party at its convention on the 8th inst., he would be a candidate, otherwise he would not be a candidate.—Raleigh special to Charlotte Observer.

Congressional Executive Committee.

At the Wilkesboro Democratic Congressional Convention the following District Executive committee was chosen:

- Alexander—J. P. Matheson.
- Ashe—G. W. Bower.
- Burke—S. J. Ervin.
- Caldwell—Edmond Jones.
- Cleveland—J. T. Gardner.
- Forsyth—J. C. Buxton.
- Gaston—J. D. Moore.
- Mitchell—John F. Davis.
- Surry—L. P. Waugh.
- Watauga—E. S. Coffey.
- Wilkes—A. M. Vanoy.

Penitentiary Statistics.

Since the penitentiary was opened, January 6th, 1870, 10,253 convicts have been received. The greatest number received in one year was 602, in 1886. Last year it was 542. During the past year there were 63 deaths, out of a prison habitation of over 1,400. Of the convicts received last year, 281 were illiterate, 43 could read, 212 read and write, and only two had a collegiate education. Of 1,181 convicts, 611 were illiterate. Nine hundred and eighty-seven are from this State, 67 from South Carolina, 47 from Virginia, 17 from Georgia, and 15 from Tennessee. Only 8 are foreign-born. Of the whole number 1,125 are laborers, 1 teacher, 1 jeweler, 2 farmers, 1 merchant, 1 miner, 1 civil engineer, 3 dentists. Fifty-four are under 15 years, 335 under 20, 495 under 30, 44 over 50, 6 over 60, 3 over 70. There are 194 white males, 7 females; 907 colored males, 68 females; Cherokee Indian, 1, Croatans, 3. Seven hundred and twenty-eight are single, 407 married, 44 widowed, 3 divorced. One thousand and six are serving their first term, 144 the second, 25 the third, 6 the fourth, and 1 the fifth.—*Landmark.*

Charlotte Observer: How far the people of China are still sunk in superstition is shown by an accident reported by our secretary of legation as having taken place in Canton. A native soothsayer, it appears, proclaimed that the plague which has been causing so great mortality in that region would abate after the "spring solstice." The natives there upon resolved to hoax and placate the gods of sickness at the same time; so they resorted to the expedient of extemporizing a New Year's day, and held an elaborate celebration on May 5th, with the purpose of accelerating the movements of the earth and the solar system generally.

Prominent People.

The Pope's annual income is \$1,430,000.
Wanamaker's life is insured for \$1,565,000.
Queen Victoria speaks ten languages fluently.
William Walter Poelpl left \$100,000 to Yale College.
Mr. Gladstone's eye is worse and another operation will be necessary.
William D. Howells, the novelist, has declared himself in favor of woman suffrage.

Senator John Sherman, of Ohio, has kept all his letters since he was fifteen years old.

Senator Hawley has been thirty-six years in active newspaper service at Hartford, Conn.

The favorite amusement of Theodore Havemeyer, the N. Y. multi-millionaire, is playing the violin.

The late President Carnot, of France, was a lover of American horses, and purchased many in this country.

One dollar pays for the Democrat one year.

Never Spoke But Married.

Charlotte News.

It is not often that young folks fall in love with each other and never talk about it. It is not often either that getting married is robbed of the sublime pleasure of courtship, and should never be, but Providence township furnishes a case out of the usual order.

Mr. Duncan Gordon a young white man, lived in that township, and did all he could to prosper and be happy. The only social drawback he had was an extreme bashfulness which he seemed powerless to overcome. But in going about in the neighborhood, he saw Miss Bettie Cooper, an attractive but bashful young lady. Duncan fell in love. He fell in deep, too. He told his heartaches to an old negro woman who communicated them to Bettie, and reported her answer to Duncan. Thus the thing went on. Finally the old colored woman planned a runaway for the couple. They met in the night and skipped to South Carolina by the light of the moon. A squire at Culp's postoffice married them, and they returned home. They were both so scared that they did not speak on their way to or from Culp's, but after their return home they made up. They are getting along nicely now. They can both talk and always could, but owing to their bashfulness never spoke to each other prior to their marriage ceremony.

Sermon By a Rural Rooster.

Young man, dost thou go abroad in this land at night and rush the growler, and perambulate with the teminines? Dost thou whoop 'em up with the boys and figure for substance of the jackpot, and back thy shekels against the ever slippery tiger? Art thou a guzzler of beer and player of cards? Dost thou suck a ten cent cigar and hast thou lost thy grip on the ways that are rigid and wisdom which is good in the world? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, if so, thou art in a bad row of stumps; thou dost not know thy name is pants. Thy heels will fly up ere long and thou wilt fall into the soup. Keep thy eye on the gun and monkey, not with intoxicating juice of the jug. Steer widely of the aces, and in the ripened years of thy life thy pocket book will be full of collaterals of the earth, while those who mind not these commandments are partaking of the lunch which is free.—*Winchester Democrat.*

Morganton Herald: Democracy triumphed last week in Tennessee and this week in Alabama. In both States there was fusion and in the latter there was plenty of boodle in the pockets of the fusion leaders. But just the same, Democracy triumphed, just as it is going to triumph in November in every Southern State.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

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