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WASHINGTON LETTER.
From our Regular Correspondent.

The rainbow which your correspondent thought he saw through the clouds in the democratic sky last week was a mirage. There was a rift in the clouds and sanguine democrats thought the rainbow was just behind and that the long storm was over; that the sun was again about to shine upon a united democracy. But even while congratulations were being exchanged the rift was closed darkness again prevailed, and the storm demon was again supreme in the black and lowering clouds which shroud the future of the democratic party.

Secretary Carlisle was naturally disappointed that forty-odd democrats should have joined with the Republicans and Populists to prevent his currency reform bill from reaching a direct vote in the House after it had been approved by a democratic caucus, but he spent no time in "crying over spilled milk"—he isn't that sort of a democrat. On the contrary, he went right to work to ascertain the reason for that democratic opposition and whether it was possible to overcome it. His investigation encouraged him to believe that a currency bill can yet be passed and he is now engaged in perfecting it and expects to submit it to the House committee in a few days, possibly during the present week. This is a sufficient answer to the new batch of Wall Street rumors concerning Secretary Carlisle's resignation.

Democratic Senators are so trying to arrange a currency reform bill that can be passed, and the Senate Finance committee, profiting by the experience of the House Banking and Currency committee, which reported a bill before ascertaining the sentiment of a majority of the House towards it, will report no bill until it agrees upon one that is certain to pass the Senate, if that is possible.

Certain Senators are wasting valuable time in trying to defeat the appropriation for the collection of the income tax. There is no probability of their success, but even if the appropriation failed, the tax would still be collected; the only difference being that with the appropriation made the tax will be easier collected. The suspicion is gaining ground that the real object is not to defeat this appropriation but to kill time and thus prevent other legislation.

The House Naval Committee has informally agreed that the building of the three battleships recommended by Secretary Herbert shall be provided for in the Naval Appropriation bill shortly to be reported to the House.

Again pressure is being brought to bear upon President Cleveland to send a special message to Congress, urging the necessity for financial legislation at the

present session, but he has not yet consented to do so, because he has not been convinced that it would do any good.

A number of minor officials connected with the Land Office may soon find themselves dropped from Uncle Sam's pay roll, because of their having engaged in a little scheme to raise money to pay the expenses of a lobby which was to try to defeat the legislation necessary to carry out Secretary Smith's recommendation concerning changes in the Land Office. The Secretary has publicly shown his disapproval of the scheme, which was only lately brought to his attention, and intimated that he thought the good of the service demanded the dismissal of those actively engaged in working it up.

How little it takes to build up a Washington sensation may be judged from some people seeing, or pretending to see, in a dinner given to Joe Jefferson, the actor, by Secretary Lamont, a few evenings ago, a movement for a non-partisan financial bill in Congress. The only reason for such a belief was the attendance at the dinner of a number of prominent republicans and democrats, including Secretary Carlisle, Attorney General Olney, Chairman Wilson, Senator Hill and Representative Everett among the democrats, and Ex-Speaker Reed, Senators Morrill, Sherman and Hawley among the republicans. It seems a pity to destroy such an interesting story, but it can be stated upon the very best authority that the guests at this dinner were as usual in such cases, invited because they were known to be personal friends of the guest of honor—Mr. Jefferson—and not with any idea of making the dinner a factor in the Congressional situation.

A Preacher Sues For His Salary.
There has been quite a sensation in church circles among the colored population here for some other time. Rev. D. L. Shadd was pastor of the Baptist church, but during the year he left the Baptists and joined the Presbyterian church. At the time he left the Baptist church his membership owed him \$200 on back salary. For this amount Shadd entered suit against the church authorities.

His members claimed that they were under no obligations to pay him, as he had deserted them and left them as it were a flock without a shepherd. The case was called last Saturday and the plaintiff was informed that he would have to bring suit against the individual members of the church. There are 115 defendants in the case, and the outlook is that the cost of making suit will be more than the salary.—*Monitor Enquirer.*

News and Observer: This is an era of small men and peanut politics. For proof, apply to Jeter Pritchard and Marion Butler.

"Principles Still in Obedience."
News and Observer.

Step by step the Boss leads those who follow him into the Republican party. Last August he told the Populists that it was necessary to effect fusion with the Republicans in order to repeal the election law. Later on, the repeal of the present system of county government was given as a reason for putting their "principles in obedience" till these things should be secured. That was in August, September, October and November.

Now the legislature is going to repeal the election law, and change the present system of county government. When that is done, and Butler elected to the Senate, it was believed by the populists, before the election, that Fusion would end, and the principles "held in obedience" would come to the surface again.

In his speech in the joint caucus however Mr. Butler urged his followers to continue fusion, saying:

"This victory will be useless if it is followed by another, for if Democrats get control they will pass such election laws as to leave no vestige of reform. * * * Any man who opposes this continuance of fusion does not do his duty to his people and the State. It must be continued to show the Republicans that the Populists were not acting selfishly when they claimed the long term in this fight, for next time the Populists will give it to the Republicans."

In the same tonespoke 'Me too' Pritchard:

"I agree fully with Mr. Butler that it would never do to stop the co-operation fight now, but the thing to do is to go hand in hand and whip the Democrats in 1896."

Very good for Pritchard. "Co-operation" gives the Republicans the victory in '96. But where do the Populists come in for free silver, fifty dollars per capita and other "reforms."

It begins to look like the leaders of the Populists have held their 'principles in obedience' so long that it will take a search-warrant to find them.

Like for Like.

In one of the mission churches recently a good Christian lady saw a rude looking boy spit on the floor. She very promptly reproved the little fellow, and asked him if he had not been taught better than that. "This," she added, "is the Lord's floor, and above all things you ought not to spit on the Lord's floor."

It cut the lad keenly, but he remained silent, leaning, meanwhile, upon the shoulder of another lad, who, growing tired, asked him if he could not find some other place to lean.

The good lady, who had been watching, asked the lad whom she had reproved if he could not lean upon a bench near by and give his friend a rest.

"No'm," he replied curtly, "that's the Lord's bench."

SENATOR BUTLER.
The Populist and Republican joint caucus yesterday afternoon nominated Marion Butler for the long term as United States Senator, to succeed Senator Ransom. He is the editor of the Caucasian and President of the National Farmer's Alliance, and Chairman of the State Executive Committee of the Populist party.

Mr. Butler is a native of Sampson county, and was born in May, 1863. He graduated from the University in the class of 1885. He then taught school at Huntley, Sampson county, and afterwards became editor of Caucasian. He joined the Farmer's Alliance when it was organized, and was President of the County Alliance. In 1891 he was State Senator from Sampson, having been elected as a Democrat. He was chairman of the committee that framed the Railroad Commission law which Mr. Ewart is now trying to repeal. In August 1891, he was elected President of the State Alliance. He was present as a delegate to the Democratic State Convention that nominated Governor Carr. Shortly thereafter he joined the new Populist party and presided over the Populist Convention that nominated Exum for Governor.

In 1894, he was elected President of the National Farmer's Alliance.

He was married in August, 1891, to Miss Florence Faison, daughter of Capt. E. L. Faison, of Sampson county.

He will be elected by the combined Populist and Republican vote on Tuesday of next week to a six years' term in the United States Senate, beginning on the fourth of March. He is the youngest man ever elected from North Carolina.

Senator Jeter Pritchard.
Jeter C. Pritchard, of Madison county, was nominated by the Republican caucus last night, to fill out Vance's term.

He is a native of Tennessee; served his time as an apprentice in a printing office; worked at the case in Bakersville, N. C.; became a revenue officer; read law and was admitted to the bar; has served in the Legislature; was the Republican candidate for Governor in 1888, and for Congress in 1890, both times defeated.

He is about thirty-seven years old, is a strong and aggressive Republican partisan, and had the active assistance of Butler in the contest.—*News and Observer.*

Morganton Herald: The monazite business is creating considerable stir now, and especially in our county. Burke is the center of the monazite district, and most of the buyers make Morganton headquarters. Gentlemen from Dresden, Quebec, New York and many other cities have been here lately prospecting and buying. This bids fair to be a source of revenue for those of our people who own monazite.

A Daniel Come to Judgment,
Jonesville Virginian.

Party gods, cliques and family rings have become so burdensome on the two old parties that principles are lost sight of. And surely if ever there was a time in the history of a country when sign-boards of political harlotry were an offence to common decency, or a people on the face of the earth who could rightfully be called lackeys or grooms of vultures, that time is now and that people the inhabitants of this country. Surely from the bowels of perfidy the birth of a monumental incubus has about finished its expectorations, and the ashes of Henry VIII turned green with envy, while the shades of Jefferson, Sumner, Clay and Lincoln shudder with horror at the decadence of American principles. Where are the patriots of old? The gold-god has emaciated them all. Where are the rail-splitters, the canal-drivers, the sons of the poor and the toiling at Washington? Echo answers where! The country is regaled day after day with the wind bags of oratory, and the balloon nations of gold gamblers and bank shysters, while the wail of poverty echoes throughout the country. And where standeth the time serving press call free during all this? It only serves the bestests of rings and cliques. The editors of the land who dare stand up and say they are free to write their honest thoughts are few. As for the 'Virginian' and her household she expressly reserves to herself from the beginning of this new year the privilege of saying and thinking as she likes.

Snaps from the Messenger.
Sarah Barnhardt has made in acting in twenty-seven years over one million of dollars.

Seventy-five Lowans have just settled in Arkansas, and fifty-eight Belgians have gone to farming in Mississippi.

Lawyer McClure, of N. Y., reports that Jay Gould's aggregated wealth is \$80,934,580.79 less some debts.

So the Senate is at loggerheads over the currency question and can do nothing. Then Congress should go home and rest from its labors."

Quay is helping Hill fight the income tax. The N. Y. World has written up Quay's rascalities, and has shown how he is a heavy defaulter to Pennsylvania.

Corbett says he wants to fight Fitzsimmons just for the pleasure of licking him. The negro Jackson challenges Corbett, but the latter pays no attention to it.

Philadelphia, [like larger New York, is an expensive city to live in. The estimates for the municipal government for 1895 are \$33,000,000. That is a great sum for a city for one year of some 1,200,000 inhabitants.

We failed to note the fact at the proper time that the Gastonia Gazette had passed its 15th mile-board, and is now beginning its 16th year of usefulness. May 15 years more of prosperity be allotted to this newsy little journal, and a long life to its bustling editor.

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