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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent

President Cleveland may in defiance to the attempt of the leaders of the House to pass the bill reported from the committee on Banking and Currency, which was drawn in accordance with the recommendations of his special announcement of the bond issue for which all arrangements have been made, but a careful canvass of the Senate has shown that no bill passed by the House can possibly get through the Senate; hence the bond issue is inevitable. It will afford the Treasury that relief which Congress has so persistently denied, and that relief is necessary is acknowledged, alike by those who favor and those who oppose the issue of bonds. It isn't what the administration would like to do, but what it has got to do in the absence of Congressional relief.

The House committee on Rules will report an order for the consideration of the financial bill on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, and when the vote is taken on that order it will be seen how much influence the President's special message had with the Democrats of the House. If the rule be adopted it is probable that the House will pass the bill in some shape; but if it be rejected there will be no further hope of financial legislation at the present session.

Senators Caffery and Blanchard of La., accompanied a delegation of New Orleans business men in a call upon President Cleveland to ascertain his views upon the payment of the sugar bounty for the year 1894. Members of the delegation were surprised and pleased to find that the President was thoroughly posted on the subject, and were still more pleased when he told them he was in favor of the payment of one half of the bounty for '94 and would gladly co-operate with them securing the necessary Congressional legislation.

Chairman McCreary, of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs made a few sensible and well-timed remarks concerning the disposition of Republicans to introduce all sorts of resolutions concerning Hawaii just for the purpose of making Buncombe speeches thereon. He said that the actions of this administration on Hawaiian matters had been in accordance with international law and with the policy of this country for a hundred years, and that if a different policy were to be followed the government might be called upon to send warships all over the world, and to interfere wherever there was trouble.

The dealers in fake resignations from the cabinet had at last a real resignation to handle several days ago. True it was not a cabinet resignation, but it was as near as it could possibly could have been not to be. The Solicitor General is next in rank to the Attorney General and

draws a salary of only a thousand dollars less. Although the resignation of Solicitor General Maxwell was a great surprise outside of the department of justice, there was little or no foundation for the sensations which have been built up around it. There was no quarrel between Judge Maxwell and Mr. Olney, although there have been numerous differences of opinion between them, such as are common enough between lawyers who are the best of friends. Judge Maxwell's principle reason for resigning was that the illness of his law partner made it necessary for him to return to Cincinnati and take charge of their legal practice. Holmes Conrad, of Virginia, was appointed to the vacancy.

Under the alleged divinity which doth hedge all legislation concerning men who served in the U. S. army during the recent war there is a vast amount of crookedness. A case in point is the bill to place Lt. Col. J. Madison Cutts on the retired list of the army with the rank and pay of Captain. This man who has for years been a \$1,200 clerk in the War department and the recipient of \$20 a month pension, was dismissed from the army in disgrace in 1863, for using and writing abusive language to brother officers for playing "peeping Tom" in a hotel. Yet he now comes forward, under the protection of the aforesaid divinity, and makes a strike for \$1,500 a year for the rest of his life, and the bill giving it to him had passed the Senate and been favorably reported to the House, when Representative Bretz, of Indiana, made the above facts known to the House.

Today for the first time since the 4th of March, 1893, the democrats have less than a majority of the Senate. There are now 86 Senators, and the democrats have only forty-three. When the two additional republicans, one each from Wyoming and Washington, take their seats, there will be 88 senators, the republicans having 40 and the populists 5. Whether the republicans and populists will combine to reorganize the Senate is as yet unknown, but the probabilities are that they will, after the fourth of March, when the democratic strength will be still further reduced.

The House killed the Reilly Pacific Railroad refunding bill by adopting a resolution to remit it. The vote was 177 to 106.

Charlotte Times: Jim Young, the negro member of this Legislature on the fusion ticket from Wake county, is one of the leaders of the House. He presumes to speak for the farmers of the State and is a strong defender of the Alliance. Can it be that Populism has brought the honest farmers of our State to this?

### NOTICE.

I am offering for sale 85 acres of fine lands, 25 acres bottom, on New River, adjoining the lands of A. J. Critcher, and Rudy Vannoy. Terms, one-half paid down and the other on 12 months time. For further particulars address R. A. Mast, Baker's Gap, Tenn.

## MAJOR DAVID E. BOWER.

Lenoir Topic.

David E. Bower was born in Ashe county, N. C., three miles from Jefferson, January 10th, 1814, and died at his home in the Yadkin Valley January 27th, 1895, aged 81 years and 1 week. The burial was at the Horton family graveyard, where a large number of friends and neighbors came through the snow to testify their esteem for the friend who had gone from them.

The life and character of this man is a lesson and an inspiration. It is well for the living especially for the young to study them to learn how difficulties may be overcome and success and usefulness achieved. Born and reared upon a farm, inured to labor, without the aid of advantageous circumstances, without the advantage of even a common school education—he attended school about three months during boyhood—but by patience and perseverance he gained a comfortable estate; and built a character, so firm and strong, so broadly based on principles of truth, justice and integrity his name shall live, and his influence remain indelible in the hearts and the lives of his fellows.

About the time he reached manhood he left his father's farm and began clerking for his uncle, (by marriage), the late Jordan Council, Esq. in the village of Boone. After a few years he formed a copartnership with his uncle, and removed to Elkville, where he remained for several years merchandising. Here it was he met the lady who afterwards became his wife.

In 1849 he was most happily married to Rebecca, daughter of the late Gen. Wm. Horton, of Wilkes county. Dissolving business with his uncle, he removed to Roan's Creek, just inside the Tennessee line, in Johnson county, where he engaged in merchandising and farming until Jan., 1863, when he came back to North Carolina and settled on the farm bought of the late Col. Edmund Jones, which was ever afterwards his home.

It sounds strange indeed to us of the present day to hear the old men recount their early experiences and describe the difficulties incident to every occupation. I have heard Maj. Bower tell of the long trips with wagons he made to Fayetteville and Columbia, of driving cattle to Baltimore and Philadelphia, the deep muddy roads, the deep fords, the rain and snow storms, the accidents by the way, the jolly camp fires, the tricks and pranks of the rude wagoners—of the night the stars tell—and it all sounded like a romance.

His memory was remarkable; his perception keen and his conversation interesting and instructive. He retained clearness and vigor of mind to the last, entries in his account book being found that was made during the last

week of his illness.

Of simple manners and plain speech, without affectation, despising shams and frauds, holding truth, honesty, sobriety and industry as cardinal virtues—his character may well be taken as an example for the young to follow.

In business he was accurate, painstaking and methodical. His farm was a model of neatness and good cultivation, well supplied with houses, stock, useful tools and appliances of convenience.

As a friend he was true and faithful; as a neighbor kind and obliging, and of never-failing charity to the poor and needy; as a man and citizen he stood four-square, a good word of advice here, of criticism there, seeking to inculcate by precept and example, habits of thrift, frugality and morality, upholding right, condemning wrong—it is such men who are the very foundation stones of our social structure.

He was a member of the M. E. Church South. Rev. J. O. Shelley, who held the funeral service, bore testimony to the liberal response he gave to his churches needs, unknown probably to any but the recipient.

Several children have preceded him to the Spirit-land. There remain his devoted wife, a son, now the distinguished Representative of this district in Congress, and two daughters, Miss Kiter and Mrs. Carter Winkler of Wilkes county.

After a life full of years and usefulness he longed for rest. With no fear of death, with perfect composure, his heart at peace with God and the world, he bade the messenger welcome and gently passed to his reward.

For seven years or more Mrs. W. D. Louder, of Quincy, Ky. was subject to severe attacks of cramp colic. Mr. S. R. Morse, a druggist of that place, recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which has effected a permanent cure, saving her much suffering besides the trouble and expense of sending for a doctor, which was often necessary. For sale by W. L. Bryan.

### The Value of the Geological Survey.

The January Forum.  
"Few people realize that North Carolina is more than 500 miles in length, or that it New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Islands, Delaware and New Jersey were all made into one State, it would lack over 5,000 square miles of being as large as North Carolina. Fifty-nine per cent of its surface is forest, and it combines within its limits a greater variety of climate than any other State in the Union except California, being semi-tropical along the sea and high and mountainous in the western portion. It is rich in minerals as well as in timber, and has not only a competent State Board of Agriculture but a geological survey of national fame which has

through its able reports on the resources of North Carolina, brought several million dollars into this State for investment, and has saved the citizens of the State many times what it has cost for its support by preventing through its reports many useless investments. North Carolina is rich in agricultural resources and some of the finest plantations in the South are in this commonwealth.

Senator Lindsay, in defense of his fool bill to change the wording of the Thanksgiving proclamation, made a jack of himself.—Red Springs Citizen.

The remark of Representative Henderson, of Wilkes, "We've got the Coon," when a Democrat rebuked the fusionists for adopting the "French" rules throttling the majority, recalls an incident of the 1868-'69. Legislature that has become historical in the county of Wayne. A citizen of that county remonstrated with his Republican Representative for the extravagance of that Legislature. The solon defended himself and his party with the statement, "We've got the coon, and while we've got him we propose to skin him." Ever afterward this distinguished legislator was known in Wayne as the "Coon-skinner." He is now dead, but his mantle has worthily fallen on Mr. Henderson, of Wilkes. We greet the gentleman from Wilkes by his new name, "Coon-skinner."—Raleigh News and Observer.

The experience of Mr. R. D. Whitney, an influential and prominent citizen of Martindale, N. C., will no doubt be perused with interest by people in all parts of the country. For years he has been subject to violent attacks of inflammatory rheumatism; on the first of Feb. he had an attack, which settled in one of his knees and caused almost unbearable pain, for two days. He obtained a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm from W. M. Houston & Co., merchants at Mecklenburg, N. C. He writes that it gave almost immediate relief and gives Chamberlain's Pain Balm the highest praise and advises all persons troubled with like afflictions to use it and get relief. For sale by W. L. Bryan.

Pittsburgh Record. For the first time since the Legislature convened, we spent half a day in Raleigh on last Friday, and having an hour to spare, we took a peep at that illustrious body and witnessed its proceedings. While this may be the most brilliant body of men ever assembled in Raleigh (as is claimed by some persons) yet appearances is decidedly against them, for a harder looking set has never been seen in our capital. That which most forcibly impressed us was the absolute leadership and control exercised by the old time Republicans, especially in the House, where the Speaker is a true Republican (Waiser) and the leaders are the bitterest kind of Republicans. For instance, the leadership seems to be divided between French, of New Hanover, who was one of the noted carpetbaggers during the reconstruction days, and Jim Young, the colored member from Wake.