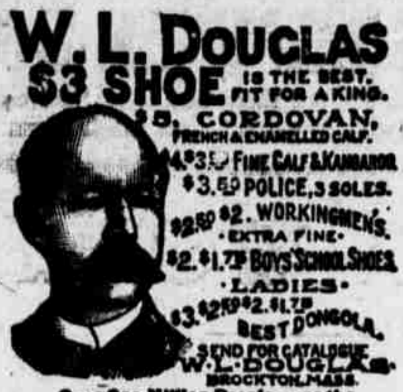


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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent

No attack ever made upon a President in either House of Congress were more cowardly than those which have been and are now being made upon President Cleveland for having bought gold which he considered necessary for the preservation of the credit of the government upon the best obtainable terms. The attacks are cowardly because those who make them know that the President cannot fully reply to them without saying things which they are certain his patriotism will prevent his saying. There are not two men in the United States whose reputation for honesty and integrity are higher than those of Grover Cleveland and John G. Carlisle, and they have both said in the most positive terms that the contract for the issue of those bonds to purchase the needed gold was the best to be obtained. Republicans in both House and Senate have stated that the bonds could have been exchanged for gold in this country upon better terms. To resort to abuse of these men is too much like adopting their methods, but they must have known when they made those statements that they were false. It is not expected that either President Cleveland or Secretary Carlisle will ever publicly say that American capitalists were appealed to, and appealed to in vain, to furnish the gold needed by the government and take bonds to pay for it. Such a statement from the President or the Secretary of the Treasury would have a tendency to injure the credit of the United States abroad, and it is not likely to be made no matter how much abuse may be heaped upon them. But it is none the less cowardly to take advantage of that.

Ex-Speaker Reed isn't the chipper man he was. He was forced to show his hand on the gold bond bill, which was defeated by the House, and thereby he lost the support of all the silver Republicans as a Presidential candidate. He thought he had a walk-over for the nomination; now he sees defeat in sight.

The Republican Senators can yell "sugar trust" as loud as anybody when trying to catch votes, but when it comes to passing a bill like that for the repeal of the differential duty on sugar, which has been passed by the House and which would, while benefitting our trade with Germany and the other continental European countries, strike the pocket of the sugar trust, they at once assume the role of obstructionists. The intelligent people of this country will have no difficulty in spotting the friends of the sugar trust in the Senate. The Democrats have favorably reported this bill and want it to pass; the Republicans are determined to kill it without voting upon it.

The House committee on

Rules has a difficult task in deciding which bills shall be given the time that will not be consumed by the appropriation bills during the remaining two weeks of the session. Some important bills are being called to the attention of the committee, among them being the Nicaragua canal bill, which has been reported to the House as a substitute for the bill which was once sent back to committee by vote of the House; the free ship bill, bills for reorganization of the army and navy, bill for surveys of deep water canals, labor arbitration bill, and the bill for the amendment of the copyright laws, which has been so strongly urged by the big newspaper publishers.

Representative Springer, who retires with this Congress, declares that he is not a candidate for the vacancy made by the sudden and lamented death of Hon. Isaac Pusey Gray, late United States Minister to Mexico, and he adds that he would not accept any executive appointment that would take him out of this country, which he considers quite good enough for him. A strong effort is being made to get Senator Ransom named as Minister to Mexico.

Senator Hill is making a gallant fight for his resolution which reiterates the determination of this country to endeavor to maintain silver and gold at a parity and declares that in the event of failure it will pay its obligations in the best money, but there is not much probability of its adoption. Mr. Hill's resolution is intended to be a compromise and he says it should be supported by every man who is a believer in a single gold standard nor a single silver standard, but all the same it is strongly opposed.

Before the House voted on the gold bond bill it was thought that the bill of Senator Jones, of Arkansas, for the unlimited coinage of silver, would be voted upon and passed by the Senate, but it is now considered doubtful whether any attempt will be made to push it to a vote.

The Census Bureau dies with Congress. After the 4th of next month only a small force of clerks will be retained under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior to finish the work.

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.

New Election Law.

More Than Sixty Sections Stolen From the Democratic Law.

Mr. Ray's Speech in the House.

"I want to congratulate the people of the State," said Mr. Ray, "that the end of this election humbug is at hand and the long looked for promises of the Fusionists are fulfilled as to the wonderful product of the gigantic brains of the Big Five, I believe it is. I believe it was Cicero who shaved his head and went into winter quarters in order to prepare himself to charm with his musical and matchless eloquence the listening multitudes of the centuries. When he emerged from his seclusion, his hair had probably grown some, but he brought out with him a gem that outshined the stars in the firmament. This immortal Five unlike the statesman of old did not shave their heads, as most of them were bald on account of wisdom and the weight of the responsibility that rested upon them, but they went into seclusion, and the last word we heard them say when they went out of sight was to damn for the thousandth time, perhaps, the Democratic election law. They remained ill everybody was uneasy about them and the nominal members of the Legislature were going to and for and asking 'where are we at?'"

"Had they not promised the people everywhere, from the mountains of the West, where the spruce pines, tall and dark moan in the breath of the passing breezes to the sea where the wild, grand music of the storm has its birth, that the Democratic election law was an infamy and should be at once forever blotted from the books? The people waited long for the fulfillment of these promises, and just as we were all about to despair, lo! the light breaks, the clouds vanish and the Big Five appear in sight with the new, improved and original election bill in its hand, shouting as they came, back, back, ye demons of Democracy, we have found and formulated the most wonderful election law ever seen by the children of men, and Democratic frauds must go and forever."

"At first I hesitated to touch a copy of this wonderful law. I got bolder and ventured to put one in my pocket, and took it home."

"Personally, I felt like I never had committed a sin against the election law and had never defrauded a mortal man on earth out of a vote, but having been elected under the inhuman law placed on the books by the Democrats, I felt a sort of original sin, as it were—a kind of a total depravity, and ever so little was enough to place me beyond the pale of the Fusionist's paradise, and like Eugene Aram, I felt that night:

"That guilt was my grim chamberlain
That lighted me to bed,
And drew the midnight curtains
With fingers bloody red."

"Next morning, after saying my prayers, I ventured with a feeling of awe to read the bill."

"At first I came to where Secretary means Secretary of State, and clerk, means clerk of the Court, and precinct means territorial unit of elections according to the contest and the singular meant the plural and oath meant affirmation and so on. I knew I had never heard of anything on earth like this before, and it surely must be original with the Big Five."

Stolen from the Democrats.

"I came to the next section and its features seemed familiar, and the next, and the next, and the next, and the next, and to my infinite and unspeakable amusement the Big Five had literally stolen, soul and body, these sections from the Democratic election law with the change of county commissioners to clerks of the court and other unimportant changes in some of the verbiage. Then I reached section seven of the new and wonderful law, and there I met an unfamiliar face. I will admit it is not stolen from any civilized men on earth; for there is nothing in the Heavens above or in the earth beneath, nor in the waters down under the earth like it. It provides for the Chairman of the State Executive Committee of each political party to recommend to the clerks of the court for each county suitable men for registrars and judges of elections for the various precincts of the State, and that the clerks shall appoint those so recommended. Of course you can see how this will beat the old way. You can see why our worthy chairman, Mr. Pou, should of all men be expected to recommend to the clerk of the court of Cherokee county suitable men for judges and registrars in Hanging Dog precinct. Or why Mr. Holton, the Republican chairman, should recommend to the clerk of the court of Mitchell county suitable men for judges and registrars in "Scuffle Nubbin" or "Loafer's Glory" precincts in that county. I soon saw it was a most glorious plan, and having broken the ice I read on, and found to my utter consternation that more than sixty sections of this grand law were taken, stolen, feloniously taken from the Democratic law almost *ipsis simis verbis, verbatim, et literatim, et punctatim.*

"Yes, the Big Five ought to be indicted for larceny, with a count in the bill against the Fusionists for receiving stolen property, and they could all be convicted before any honest jury in America for stealing the Democratic election law. There is not a decent line nor a section in the bill but what was purloined from chapter 16, of the second volume of The Code, and poor Payne, they have even plundered him, after abusing and slandering him and taking from him his seat in this House, have stolen one of the best features of their bill from

him—from the Payne law. And this is the party of reform, the party of progress I believe in honest elections as I do in everything else, but I believe our standard of morals for the Anglo-Saxon race, with all their advantages, should be higher than the poor negro that goes to his daily toil like a galley slave, or the negro that loafs on the goods boxes in the cities.

"The bill is an incompetent makeshift and cowardly substitute for what you promised the people. You got your offices by working on the prejudices of the people on the atrocities of the election law and county government, and here you come to the people with the Democratic law in your arms and tell the people it was the best you could do, and for the few little changes you made in that law the people will condemn you."

"One by one the roses fall and one by one the Fusion promises fail and fade away."

THE RADICAL LEGISLATURE.

There is nothing remarkable in the legislation and acts of the Radical revolutionists. They are drawing their perdition with a patriotic zeal and regularity that is quite lovely to behold. They find the sugar-teast sweet and toothsome, and they will continue to draw at it until the last day. When the end comes to their comparatively short legislative life each of the suckers will be ready to say in the loneliness of their souls—

"If so soon I was to be done for,
I wonder what I was born for."

Each of these mighty Solons will be ready ever hereafter to take their reckoning and date their letters and count the time from the year One, (otherwise 1895) when they had the glorious privilege of playing at law-making and shaping the temporary outlook for 1,700,000 people supposed to be free if not exactly equal.—*Messenger.*

"Perhaps you would not think so, but a very large proportion of diseases in New York come from carelessness about catching cold," says Dr. Syrus Edson. "It is such a simple thing and so common that very few people, unless it is a case of pneumonia, pay any attention to a cold. New York is one of the healthiest places on the Atlantic Coast and yet there are a great many cases of catarrh and consumption which have their origin in this neglect of the simplest precaution of every day life. The most sensible advice is, when you have one get rid of it as soon as possible. By all means do not neglect it." Dr. Edson does not tell you how to cure a cold but we will. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will relieve the lungs, aid expectoration, open the secretions and soon effect a permanent cure. Twenty-five and fifty cent bottles for sale by W. L. Bryan.

The Commission to revise the Code of North Carolina are Judge Russell, Maj. Gutherie and Spencer Blackburn. A bill naming this commission is in the hands of Judiciary Committee of the Legislature.