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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

President Cleveland has moved his family and his office out to "Woodley," his suburban residence, and will only be at the White House on the days the Cabinet meets—twice a week—for some time to come. This will give him an opportunity to dispose of a number of minor matters which he could not find time to get at as long as he was accessible to the personal callers who are nearly always on hand at the White House.

The new ministry of Spain lost no time in proving that President Cleveland was correct in thinking that it would do the proper thing about the Albuera outrage, and there is little doubt that the apology demanded by Secretary Gresham will in due time follow the explanatory communication already received.

It is positively stated that a deal has been completed whereby the Republican Senators will get the votes of the Populist Senators and reorganize the Senate as soon as Congress meets. There is nothing surprising in this, as it is expected by everybody. One result of the deal will be to make John Sherman chairman of the Finance committee. Think of the Populist helping to do that.

Rumor says the Supreme Court will decide the income tax unconstitutional, and even give the position of each of the eight justices sitting—Justice Jackson has been too ill to take any part in the present term—on the case. There is, of course, no method of ascertaining the truth or falsity of the rumor, which is believed or disbelieved according to the wishes of the expresser of the opinion. While officials of the government would prefer that the tax stand they say that an adverse decision will not make an extra session of Congress absolutely necessary, unless there should be another run on the Treasury gold.

Ex Senator Mahone is now at the head of a scheme having for its object the political control of Virginia. There is nothing new or startling in the idea. It is merely a reproduction of the Republican-Populist combine which has temporarily knocked out the Democratic party of North Carolina. Virginia Democrats who come to Washington say there would be nothing to fear in the movement even if it were not led by Mahone, but with him at its head it is bound to fail because the few influential Republicans of the State have had all they wanted of Mahone long ago, and they hate Populism quite as bad as they do Mahoneism.

While Secretary Herbert when he planned the route over which Admiral Meade's squadron will sail during the month of April had no idea Great Britain would send that ultimatum to little Nicaragua, neither he nor President

Cleveland regrets that squadron will reach Greytown, Nicaragua, about the middle of the month. On the contrary, they rejoice at the coincidence which will place such formidable American war-vessels as the New York, Minneapolis, Columbia, Atlanta, Raleigh and Cincinnati in Nicaraguan waters at the time that Great Britain will probably be making a demonstration of force to frighten the little Central American republic into complying with its demands as to the payment of extortionate indemnity, etc. It will show John Bull that the administration not only meant business when it recently told him that the Monroe doctrine was still in force and must be respected by him, but that it is prepared to demand respect for the Monroe doctrine at the cannon's mouth if it is not peaceably accorded. No one here seems to know what Nicaragua will do, but the hope is expressed on all sides that it will politely decline to accede to the unjust demands of Great Britain.

"Uncle Jerry," the smiling "nigger" who has been janitor of the White House since Gen'l Grant's time, is the happiest "coon" in Washington. He has celebrated his silver wedding, and the following distinguished friends send souvenirs of the event: President and Mrs. Cleveland one dozen silver spoons; Mrs. U. S. Grant, a silver butter knife; Mrs. Sartoris, a silver cream pitcher; Secretary and Mrs. Carlisle, a silver sugar dish; Secretary and Mrs. Lamont, ten silver dollars, not to mention the gifts sent by private citizens. But what tickled "Uncle Jerry" more than everything else was the attendance at the reception held by himself and wife of Postmaster General and Mrs. Bissell, Secretary and Mrs. Lamont and their children; private Secretary and Mrs. Thurber and their children, and a host of minor government officials.

When the United States government sends, as it will at an early date in compliance with an act of Congress, its own engineers to officially inspect the route of the proposed Nicaragua canal, it serves notice to all concerned that it proposes to control that canal when it is constructed.

Persons who sympathize with the afflicted will rejoice with D. E. Carr of 1235 Harrison street, Kansas City. He is an old sufferer from inflammatory rheumatism, but has not heretofore been troubled in this climate. Last winter he went up into Wisconsin, and in consequence has had another attack. "It came upon him again very acute and severe," he said. "My joints swelled and became inflamed; sore to touch or almost to look at. Upon the urgent request of my mother-in-law, I tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm to reduce the swelling and ease the pain, and to my agreeable surprise, it did both. I have used three fifty-cent bottles and believe it to be the finest thing for rheumatism, pains and swellings extant. For sale by W. L. Bryan.

A Few Scattering Thoughts.

[BY SCATTERHEAD.]

"For lo the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of the birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land."—Bible.

Another long and hard winter is over, and now we are cheered with the approaching spring. Well, every season has its attractions, and perhaps to some of us detractions and distractions too. No wonder the young folks get kind of poetical about spring time, as there is so much to be seen that tends to animate them. Yes, every thing does appear mighty glad to greet the beautiful spring. The poor old cows are monstrous glad to nip the green tender grass. The songsters of the woods are in a rejoicing mood, and the "big black birds" can now afford to put in a few extra "caws" in prospect of the fine time they expect to have in making Mr. Clodhopper's corn "come up" in the sweat by and by. The little insects, too, are powerful glad, especially the "buzzing critters," that want the privilege to roost on a fellow's victuals; but notwithstanding the numerous epithets heaped upon them by the good housewives, they manage to come around in their season, after everything else is cleaned up by the cold winter. Everything that creeps, or flies, walks, swims or jumps, join in giving spring a hearty welcome.

Well, spring time does have its peculiar attractions, even the big alder grubs and mat-tock do somewhat draw the school boy, i. e. the sweat from its tiny wells. The boys also, are getting powerful hilarious, and some folks who have an ear cultivated to appreciate sweet harmony of sounds, are prepared to enjoy the sweet music discoursed by the lowly songsters of the puddle.

Well, if all nature is having such a glad time why not the balance of us, i. e. poor man has a right to join in with the birds, frogs, and everything that has not got the "suiks," and have a pleasant time. Let us all try to set our hearts in tune to the spring harmony and keep them so the year round. "December can be as pleasant to us as May." Christians are the kind of folks to be happy. "Religion was not designed to make our pleasures less," wrote the poet and it is true, only meant to finish its passage with true lasting and heavenly pleasure. Old Satan gets lots of young people to believe that a Christian has no pleasure, and the old enemy will say to them. "Now just look at these Christians what long faces they carry, and just listen to them talk about their big trials and what a hard time they are having and thus see how sad and gloomy are their lives." We never did think it was their big stock of religion that would cause people to feel so

mean and look so ugly, but the lack of it. Heap of times when a Christian does things not much nice, he feels wonderful bad, looks monstrous sheepish, and is powerful shy and skittish, as though he would like to hide in some unfrequented spot. Sin does make cowards, and is the meanest thing in this country. We generally think it looks uglier in other folks than in ourselves. When a Christian gets off the track he is mighty apt to have to take a bitter dose of physical "repentance," and we know while it is doing its necessary work that the face is sure to wear a wry aspect. Some people may put on a doleful look to make folks think they are not lacking in Sobriety. There is a great deal in this scene of sin and suffering likely to produce anything but glad feelings and a bright countenance.

But we have long since learned that our sad hearts and ugly looks can't atone for our wrong doings, and the sad failures of others. Some say we should be mourners all of our days, because our Lord was when He visited this world. Brother, this is a mistake. Christ "bore our griefs and carried our sorrows, also our iniquity was laid upon Him." He carried sorrows so that in Him we might have an abundance of peace and joy. If this were not true, why would He tell that He made provisions for our "joy to be full," and then exhorts in His word to "rejoice ever more?" Mourning is truly the part of the sinner out of Christ, though we dare not say but what Christians will mourn to some degree, over sin where ever found. Yes, if we undertake to tote our sorrows we will soon fall under the burden. Our God does not require it, since Christ has done this for us. So we insist that it is the Christian's happy privilege to be in a happy or rejoicing state all the time. Well, says some sad brother, Scatterhead is preaching doctrine contrary to the old hymn that "we can't sail to heaven on flowery beds of ease." We agree with the old writer. Yes, in the world we will, if we live Godly, meet sore trials, heavy tribulations, and shall suffer persecutions, and though our varied sufferings we are made ripe to enter heaven. Yet in the Lord we are to be in a State of peace and rejoicing every day and every hour. Paul was a powerful sufferer in His Master's cause, and yet he was cheerful and happy all the time. Paul would tell us to let our faces shine with gladness all the time just by keeping company with the blessed Lord and doing His bidding, and he also teaches that when we have melody in our hearts to the Lord that it will not lead us to "foolish jesting," or in any way cause us to make "provisions for the flesh to fulfill its lusts." Christians can be happy always in the Lord and yet always have fellowship with His suf-

ferings. Self must be yielded up to God, our will swallowed up in His, and let Him "work in us to will and do of His good pleasure," and then we can be vessels fit for His use," being filled with His Spirit and thus be prepared to do His work, enjoy His presence, giving joy to the Christian's heart, while in his strength.

Globe, N. C., Apr. 5, '95.

The Price of Cotton in 1848.

We are indebted to Robert A. Carter, Esq., of Ansonville township for a bill for six bales of cotton sold by the late John McLendon, of this county, to LaCost & Evans, at Cheraw, in Sept., 1848. From the bill it appears that Mr. McLendon received 5½ cents for the cotton, and that he paid 10 cents a pound for sugar and 20 cents a yard for bagging. From this it will be seen that the price of cotton in 1848 was just about the same as it is now, while the price of other commodities were very much greater. The difference is that in those days our farmers raised all their supplies at home, and cotton was planted only in sufficient quantities to meet their comparatively few needs for ready money. Our forefathers prospered under this system, and there is no reason to believe that we, the descendants, cannot make both ends meet by copying after them in this respect.—Wadesboro Messenger.

The road law is bothering our people, as by the act of the Legislature we are placed under the Mecklenburg law, but we do not know whether it is absolute or whether it is optional. A tax of two mills on a dollar can be levied, this will be 20 cents on the \$100. If the magistrates in the townships levy the full amount great complaint will be made, if the law was properly managed and judiciously executed it might be a good law but great caution must be observed. A good per cent of the male population in each township have been appointed magistrates and will have charge of this law. So we will have to bide our time and see what is in store for us in the way of roads and taxes. Recollect we are now living under reform, and we must be loyal for there are magistrates in nearly every well regulated family to try us and make us "anti-up."

If King Solomon was alive he would now say: "Go to the traveling man, learn his ways, and be wise." Mr. C. W. Battell, a Cincinnati traveling man representing the Queen City Printing Ink Co., after suffering intensely for two or three days with lameness of the shoulder, resulting from rheumatism, completely cured it with two applications of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. This remedy is gaining a wide reputation for its prompt cures of rheumatism, lame back, sprains, swellings, and lameness. 50 cent bottles are for sale by W. L. Bryan.

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