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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent

President Cleveland declines to get excited because England is engaged in giving Nicaragua a metaphorical spanking, and lo! there is a great howl from his enemies, who accuse him of abandoning the Monroe doctrine. If the Monroe doctrine means that the United States shall fight, or threaten to fight every European country which those cockney little South and Central American republics by their hot-headed acts get into trouble with, ought to be abandoned. As a matter of fact no administration has ever put any such construction upon the Monroe doctrine. While England's demand upon Nicaragua may be extortionate, there is no doubt that it was provoked by Nicaragua, which had somehow got the idea that the United States would interfere in its behalf before the worst came to the worst. England is doing precisely what the United States would do under similar circumstances—compelling reparation for insult and injury to her subjects—although this country would probably have gone about it differently. The administration deserves commendation for its policy of non-interference in this matter, and can be depended upon to act promptly and patriotically when any American interest is assailed, but it has no idea of being driven into an uncalled for row with England by the irresponsible jingo element.

It is every day becoming clearer that the republicans are going to try to straddle the financial question in their next national platform. A proposition, which is said to have received the endorsement of a number of their most prominent men, including two candidates for the Presidential nomination, is that a plank be inserted in the platform for the coinage of \$400,000,000 in silver, at a ratio of 18 to 1, the idea being that this will prevent the bolting of the silver republicans in the west.

It is nothing new to say that Secretary Morton is opposed to the indiscriminate distribution of all kinds of seeds by the Department of agriculture. He has been opposed to it from the day he learned of the absolute waste which accompanied the distribution of seeds, to say nothing about those Congressmen who sold in bulk their quota of seeds, and if he could have had his way, Congress would not have appropriated one dollar for the purchase of seeds for indiscriminate free distribution during the coming fiscal year. But he did not have his way, and an appropriation, somewhat smaller than usual, was made for that purpose. It is not certain, however, that Secretary Morton will spend that appropriation. The appropriation act says "the money is appropriated for the purchase, propagation and distribution of seeds as required

by law." The quoted clause is what Secretary Morton believes is a bar to spending the money, as the law expressly and distinctly limits the purchase and distribution of seeds to "such as are rare and uncommon in this country," and it is customary to buy only a few of these for use at the department experimental station.

The Supreme Court cannot finally dispose of the income tax cases, upon which arguments for a re-hearing will be heard next Monday, too soon to suit Treasury department officials. The vote of Justice Jackson, who will sit to hear the argument for a re-hearing, is cast against a re-hearing will settle the whole business, as it is understood the other eight members of the court are equally divided; but should he vote for a re-hearing it will be left open until that re-hearing has taken place and a decision shall have been handed down and that may not until after the first of July, which is the last day upon which the income tax can be paid without a penalty. The votes by which bonds and rents were exempted were such that the result cannot be changed, no matter how Justice Jackson may vote upon them.

Wonder what those hair-trigger individuals who were so much afraid, sometime ago that Secretary Herbert would not have the Navy properly represented at celebration attending the opening of the sea canal at Kiel, on June 16, think of themselves now? In addition to the San Francisco and the Marblehead, first designated, Secretary Herbert has ordered that the New York and the Columbia shall also go to Kiel. And there is a possibility that the Secretary may go himself on the Dolphin.

Secretary Morton's beef investigations must be quieting the beef trust, when one of its members makes the ridiculous charge that those investigations are keeping up the price of beef. Secretary Morton smiles at the charge, which he correctly characterizes as nonsense, and asks pertinently: "Why should asking questions, in order to get at the truth, agitate any body, or effect the beef market?" That why will doubtless be echoed by the beef consumers who have been compelled to pay tribute to the greediness of the men who compose the beef trust.

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Vitality of Seeds.—Dr. Peters, of the Botanic Garden of Göttingen, has been experimenting with seeds taken from different depths of soil in a dense wood from 100 to 150 years old, which had been arable land for many years before it came woodland. His object was to discover how long the seeds of weeds would retain the power of germinating after they

had been buried in the soil to a depth where they could not sprout. Soil samples were taken at various distances from the surface to the depth of a foot. These samples were placed under genial conditions and the seeds which germinated were raised and cultivated to a flowering stage. Although the land had ceased to be arable between three and four hundred years before, the weeds of cultivation were abundantly represented, and Dr. Peters claims to have proved that the seeds of many field and pasture plants retain their vitality considerably more than half a century.

### Getting Into Trouble.

Washington News.

"I have a friend traveling through North Carolina," said D. T. Stuart at the Raleigh. "He has a natural propensity for getting into hot water. In a letter to me the other day he relates a funny experience he had at a hostelry in a little town of the State. This is part of his wail:

"And now let me give you a brief sketch of the latest predicament I got into. I got into a little place called Maiden, and stopped at a hotel for dinner. They have no waiter there; at least they had none when I was there. They may have got some since. To tell the truth, they had a device rigged up which dispensed with their service. The table was round and composed of two tiers. The first, or lower tier was stationary, and on it rested your plate, etc. On the upper tier was placed the dishes, containing the inevitable ham, the omnipresent fried eggs, the mashed potatoes, the turnip-top lettuce (?) and all other things which go to support life in this Old North State. This tier is so built that it revolves so that if you want the stewed tomatoes and they chance to be in front of the pimply faced fertilizer drummer, all you have to do is give a spin, and presto, you have the tomatoes in front of you. One drawback to the thing is that you have to hold it while getting the stuff or else some fellow at the other side of the table will spin it away from you. I wanted some butter the day I was there and it was half way round from me. An elderly lady (it so happened but I did not know it) was helping herself to the ham and had hold of the table. I tried to spin it, but it wouldn't move. I got mad and braced myself. Just as I got a good grip on the thing the aforesaid elderly lady let go and the d— thing went whizzing. I caught the tomatoes on my lap, the pimply-faced drummer was fortunate enough to stop the potatoes, the elderly lady got the rice, the ham caught the landlord in the stomach and caromed off into the lap of a young lady on his left, the turnip top lettuce unloaded onto the head a very red-haired and much freckled youth who sat on my left, while the butter stuck in the hair of a man who was drumming for a coffin factory. The land lady caught the biscuits and I caught the devil, as well as the tomatoes. It cost me just \$2.50 to pay for the dishes."

### A Strange Story.

Saturday Review.

A young man, walking to the house of his brother, a yeoman, found the inn at a neighboring town very full. He shared the room of a merchant who was openly counting out his money. Having occasion to visit the garden and also to borrow a knife, he accepted the loan of a knife from a merchant. On returning to his room he found the merchant gone; he went to bed, slept, rose early, walked to his brother's and was arrested in the afternoon for murdering the merchant. In his pocket was that tradesman's knife, and between the blade and handle was a guinea of Mary and William.

At the inn the merchant's empty bed was stained with blood, and though the merchant's body was nowhere to be found, the young man was condemned for murder and hanged in chains on his brother's farm. Here a swain observed that the body he had seen cut down, life was re-animated and the youth fled to sea. Taken by Spaniards in South America, he rose to be warden of the goal, and while in enjoyment of that office recognized among some English prisoners the person for whose murder he had suffered.

The fact was that the merchant, while the youth was absent in the garden, discovered that he was bleeding freely from a vein which had been opened that day. He hurried to the surgeon in the dark, was seized by a press gang, seized his British Majesty in a ship of war, was taken by the Spaniards, and at last, met in goal of South America, the very man who had been hanged for murdering him in England.

### A Versatile Lawyer.

When Judge Parsons was a practicing lawyer he was once employed to plead two cases in the court which were precisely alike, but in one he was engaged for the plaintiff, in the other for the defendant. It happened that both cases were tried the same day. He spoke for half an hour to the first jury; the case was given to the jurors and they had retired. When he appeared before the second jury he made use of very different arguments from those employed by him before, of which the court took notice, reminding him that he seemed to have changed his tune and repeated to him what he had said a few minutes before. Mr. Parsons fixed his keen eye upon the judge and replied: "May it please your honor, I might have been wrong half an hour ago, but now I know I am right." He proceeded, and when the juries returned it was found he had gained a verdict in both cases.—Lewiston Journal.

### Notice of Desolution.

The firm of Johnson, Edmisten & Co., of Bowling Rock, has this day by mutual consent dissolved. Edmisten & Co. to pay all claims against the firm of Johnson, Edmisten & Co. This April 26th, 1895.

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Indianapolis Journal. "And now gentlemen of the jury," shouted the young lawyer, running his long fingers through his flowing locks. "Now gentlemen of the jury, I ask you as men and citizens of this great and glorious republic if the spotless character of my client is to be permitted to suffer from the words uttered by that—by that veriform appendix who sits in the witness box with perjury stamped all over him!"

### A Remarkable Cure of Rheumatism.

From the Groton Connecticut Review.

David Lewis, who has been afflicted all winter by rheumatism, is out again and all due to one of the medicines advertised in our columns. After trying everything possible, he used Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which has relieved him of all pain, from which he was a constant sufferer and promises to make him fit for duty soon. We know David has been a great sufferer and are glad to see him around again. For sale by W. L. Bryan.

Messenger: As we predicted the Rads have given a serious setback to the common schools. With but little education themselves they developed into enemies of popular education. Schools without proper superintendency and qualified teachers will prove a fraud and a deception. The clerk is to name the fellow who is to examine teachers. This is indeed a step backward. Why, oh why, should North Carolina have been so afflicted, so cursed with such a prostituted, rapacious, incapable, ignorant body?

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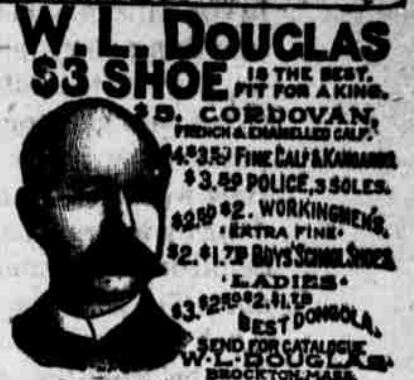
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