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## WASHINGTON LETTER

From our Regular Correspondent.

Congress not being in session, the tariff barons who were in and around the Ways and Means committee room at the Capitol, in which Mr. Dingley and his Republican associates on the committee today began the public hearings upon the several schedules of the proposed new Dingley tariff bill, were the center of attraction. The schedule upon which today's hearings were based was that embracing spirits, wines and other beverages. The Republicans had expected that the South would be largely represented among those asking for favors under this schedule, but they were disappointed. The next schedule to be taken up will be that of cotton goods followed by that on sugar and molasses.

There seems to be a general disposition to misunderstand the issue raised between Congress and the President by Secretary Olney when he said that the President would not obey a joint resolution even if it passed over his veto, directing him to recognize the independence of Cuba, because the President alone had the right to decide such questions. It is not contended by the Senators who will oppose Secretary Olney's position that the President has not the right to recognize a new state without reference to Congress; on the contrary they freely concede him that right. They claim, however, that a joint resolution of Congress when it becomes a law, whether by ordinary methods or by being adopted by a two-thirds vote over the President's veto, is just as binding upon the President as any other law. In other words, that while the President may exercise his discretion as to recognition in the absence of Congressional action, it is in the power of two-thirds of Congress to compel him to obey its behests, in recognizing the independence of a new state, as well as in anything else. The claim that Congress wished to deny the President's right to act independent of it in recognizing a new state has been put forward to muddy the question. The question will not be settled soon, anyway, as the Cameron resolution for the recognition of Cuba hasn't the slightest show to get through the House, and will be fought stoutly in the Senate.

The announcement that Representative and Senator-elect Money, of Miss., who is a member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, had taken advantage of the Congressional recess to go to Cuba for the purpose of making a personal investigation of the situation, has caused much gossip in Washington. While everybody knows that Mr. Money means well, there is a disposition to regret the publicity which has been given to his trip, because it looks like a reflection upon our State Department and its agents in Cuba.

Confidential agents of the Wanmaker and the Choate senatorial booms have been working on the friends of McKinley in order to get him to throw his influence on their side. But they have not succeeded. While there is little doubt that most of the original McKinley men would rather see Wanmaker sent to the Senate from Pa. than Quay's man Penrose, who, by the way, is being supported by the National A. P. A. and Choate elected Senator from New York instead of Platt, but they cannot see a good enough chance for either to win to advise McKinley to take a stand that would make Quay and Platt the open enemies of his administration.

Hon. Wm. S. Helman, of Ind., whose familiar face and rigid views on government economy have been missed from the present House has been elected a member of the next, and is more determined than ever to live up to the reputation he made as the "watch dog of the Treasury." When the Republicans take the first step towards an increase of extravagance by the introduction of a new tariff bill, at the extra session, that will furnish more money to be spent, it is the purpose of Judge Helman to make a speech, in which if he cannot prevent extravagance, he will at least attempt to make it clear to the people that it exists under present expenditures; he will also endeavor to show that the expenditures of the government should not exceed \$350,000,000 a year, and that if they were reduced to that amount the present tariff would produce an annual surplus of \$100,000,000 which could be applied to the reduction of the bonded debt.

The Pacific railroad lobbyists are so uneasy about the prospect of the funding bill to come up in the House Jan. 7th that they have followed Representatives out of town in order to talk to them in favor of the bill during the recess. The opponents of the bill are also active, and the four days it will be under discussion in the House are not at all likely to be dull.

Ki Guder made a speech in Asheville Monday night, and in giving an account of his peregrinations through the State, said that "enough Populists would join the Republicans to insure Pritchard election." Note the language "enough Populists would join the Republicans." That is the size of it. As Populists they can not support Pritchard. If they support him, they must "join the Republicans." Happier language has not been used.—News and Observer.

The populists demand, as a rule, that a member of their party be sent to the Senate to succeed Pritchard. All we outsiders have to do is simply wait and see how the "cat will jump" at the last moment. If Butler wants a Populist Senator, there is every chance for Pritchard to be laid on the shelf. Your correspondent is one that has not lost faith in Butler's power.—Raleigh Correspondent to Messenger.

## America No Dumping Ground.

Scum and riffraff are always undesirable. Therefore, the Lodge immigration bill as a species of legislation designed to place a check on the indiscriminate immigration to this country seems to be a measure deserving of full and emphatic support in Congress. Any measure that seeks to prevent Europe from dumping its outcasts on to this country will meet with the approval of all Americans who are for America. What is known as the "foreign element" in politics has made cowards of all political parties in regard to passing legislation heretofore tending to restrict immigration.

A politician was afraid to incur the displeasure of the "foreign vote" and in order to curry favor with this element, especially if he represented a populous district in a large city, he would generally antagonize any immigration law.

Happily, times have changed. Senator Lodge of Mass. is a man who has the moral courage to introduce a bill which places an educational test on immigrants coming to our shores. If persons coming to this country cannot show some faint gleam of intelligence they ought to be sent back to the country they came from.

The Lodge bill is a righteous measure. So is any bill that tends to keep out the vicious, the paupers, the ignorant and the degenerate.—St. Louis Star.

Tears—The perspiration of grief.

Smiles—The visible expression of unspoken texts.

To Love—An irregular verb never conjugated without an auxiliary.

Society—A tribunal composed of friends where one is condemned only for contempt of court.

Second Marriage—A second edition with editions from the note book of experience, but few corrections.

To Live a Holy Life—As some people would have it. To make a hell on earth with the expectation of a recompense in the hereafter of a paradise in Heaven.—Ex.

Sunday morning about 8 o'clock an accommodation train on the L. and N. R. R. went through a bridge 120 feet high and into the Cahaba river near Brockton, Ala. Twenty eight persons were killed outright and ten others were injured, some of whom will die. The death list may be increased. The wreck was due to the work of train-wreckers, a rail having been removed from the bridge. The water in the river was only three feet deep but the train took fire and many of the unfortunates were burned to death.

Success is never blamed

Sudden glory soon goes out.

Spilt wine is worse than water.

The body is the socket of the soul.

Teaching others, teaching your self.

No glue will hold when the joint is bad.

None can pray well, but he that lives well.

No raillery is worse than that which is true.

You may know a foolish woman by her finery.—Ex.

## Sheriff Boyd Badly Hurt.

Lenoir Topic.

Sheriff Boyd's horse fell with him last Sunday morning on the turnpike about two miles above Patterson. He and deputy-Sheriff Abernethy left Lenoir late Saturday evening going up on Mulberry on the hunt of Jasper Crisp who is wanted for a assault upon an old gentleman by the name of Edmundson, committed some time last summer. Crisp left the country at once, and remained away till about a week ago. The Sheriff thought he would surprise him at his home Saturday night but failed to locate him, and after spending the night pretty well without finding him, started home, cutting across the mountain to the turnpike to avoid the frequent crossing of Mulberry. Soon after striking the road, while riding in a brisk trot his horse blundered and fell throwing the Sheriff forward on his face and left arm. He was knocked unconscious by the fall and his left arm was dislocated at the elbow. Fortunately it occurred close to a house where he was conveyed and cared for till Mr. Abernethy could come to Lenoir for a physician and a carriage to bring him home. Dr. Kent went to his assistance, and while he is pretty badly shaken up he is not seriously injured, but will be confined to his room for several weeks.

Columbia Star.—The final tabulation of the popular vote by the United-Associate Presses more than confirms the estimates we have from time to time published. The vote cast lacked only 75,000 of reaching the 14,000,000 mark, the increase over the last preceding election being 1,813,000, an enormous gain. McKinley's plurality instead of being 1,500,000, as the goldites long claimed, was 600,000. Bryan received 6,508,000 votes against 4,554,000 for Cleveland in 1892, an increase of 954,000. Palmer and Buckner were given only 132,000, or one fiftieth as many as Bryan, and less than one per cent of the total vote, proportions we had the pleasure of predicting before the election.

## Effectual Prayer.

There is an awful amount of so called prayer that is only from the throat outward; it begins nowhere, and ends in nothing. Such point less repetitions of stereotyped phrases must be as wearisome to God as they are unprofitable to the utterers. There must be pith, point, and purpose as well as faith in every effectual prayer. At an evangelistic meeting for 'roughs' over in New York, when the leader called on some one to pray, a hard looking man rose in the crowd and said: "Oh, Lord, forgive me for being a bad man; and please excuse me, Lord from saying any more now. Amen. He did not need to say any more; he had told God just what he wanted.—Rev. Cnyler in Central Presbyterian.

## Major Finger Dead.

A Newton special of December the 26th, to the Charlotte Observer says:

"Maj. S. M. Finger died this morning at 7 o'clock and the burial services will be held tomorrow at the German Reformed church, of which he was a faithful, consistent and valuable member. He had been ill for only a few days, but last evening about 6 o'clock suddenly took much worse, from which time the worst was feared by friends and the attending physician. He never rallied during the night. Maj. Finger was a worthy member of the Masonic fraternity, a Christian, an educated gentleman and a valuable citizen. His death has cast a gloom over this town where he will be greatly missed."

To the above the Statesville Landmark adds: "Major Finger was for eight years Superintendent of Public Institutions, having been first elected to that office in '84. He was born in Lincoln county in 1837 and graduated at Bowdoin College, Me., in 1861. He served in the Confederate army. He was by profession a teacher and was for many years connected with Catawba College at Newton. He had served his country in both branches of the Legislature, and was for a number of years chairman of the board of directors of the State Hospital. His wife survives him. They had no children."

## Hannis Taylor in Spain.

That was a piece of diplomatic dynamite with which the Australian Ambassador the Duke of Tetuan, Spain's Minister of Foreign Affairs, and her Royal Highness, the Queen Regent of Spain, were fooling with, as portrayed in the New York Journal, by Mr. James Creelman, its Madrid correspondent, which we print to day, and it is no wonder it came near exploding when it came in contact with that brave native Carolinian Hannis Taylor, American Ambassador to Spain. If it had gone on a little further and finally exploded as was planned by the Austrian Ambassador and the Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Duke of Tetuan, the explosion would have shaken more than one.

Minister Taylors indignation, and prompt action in calling the whole shooting match down, is but in keeping with the spirit of a brave American, especially a brave and patriotic Carolinian.

It is said that Senator Pritchard is straining every nerve to get at least one foot off the St. Louis platform number 1 and on to the St. Louis platform number 2. It's 16 to 1 that he will have a foot on each platform by the time the voting begins in the Legislature for Senator.—Observer.

The farmer is now in a better condition as a whole than any body else. They have enough to live upon. In the cities there is actual hunger among the very poor and many others are forced to the most rigid economy.—Progressive Farmer.

## For Bilious Headache

"I tried a good many remedies for sick headache and biliousness, with which I was troubled for a long time, but it was not until I began taking

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