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WASHINGTON LETTERS

From our Regular Correspondent.

Senator Tillman has a right to be proud of his record again, and he is going to use it if the republicans try to throw out the electoral votes of South Carolina on the protest that is going to be made by Murray, the negro member of the House from that State when the House and Senate meet this week. The session to count the electoral votes. Senator Tillman said on the subject: "If McKinley is going to be inaugurated on the 4th of March, the joint convention has got to count the vote of South Carolina. If the republican party wants to make an attack on the constitution of the State, it must make it on some other ground or in some other manner than by endeavoring to prevent the counting of her vote. I wish to go further and express my preference for seeing Mr. McKinley President rather than to see the Presidential function exercised by Secretary Olney, as it will be after the 4th of March, if the effort is made to deny South Carolina the right to vote." The following significant language was used by Representative McCall of Massachusetts, who is a republican and Chairman of the Election committee which has charge of the contested election cases from South Carolina in this Congress: "It is true, apparently, that the election laws and constitution of South Carolina disbar a large proportion of the population from voting, but it seems to be the illiterate ones who are disfranchised. There is a question in the minds of many intelligent men whether this is not a wise plan if constitutionally enforced and carried out according to law. A full generation has passed since the colored men were enfranchised, and I do not know how long they can expect us to coddle them and fight to secure their electoral rights, while they neglect to learn to read and write."

Nobody was surprised when the Senators who have been pushing the Nicaragua Canal Bill decided to give up the fight. At no time during the present session has the bill had the slightest chance of getting through the House, even if passed by the Senate. It could have been passed by the Senate notwithstanding the protests of Nicaragua, but it could only have been done by a protracted fight which would have resulted in preventing action by the Senate upon other legislation.

Senator Daniel has made a gainst the arbitration treaty which may result in arraying the silver Senators solidly against its ratification. The point is that if the United States Senate should adopt the free coinage of silver while that treaty was in force, England could put in a claim for the difference between the value of principal and interest of American debts held in England, under the new system of a double standard and un-

der the present single gold standard, and if a majority of the arbitrators happened to be gold men would probably get a decision in favor of the claim.

A marked feature of the contested election cases decided last week by the House was that the democrats who held the seats were upheld by the republican majority. The democrats so honored were Representatives Swanson of Va., Kendall of Ky., and Price and Boatner of La. Tom Watson's contest has been decided by a committee against him and in favor of Representative Black, and will this week be decided the same way by the House.

Canada has sent two members of its ministry to Washington to offer liberal trade concessions in exchange for duties in the new tariff bill that will not shut out Canadian agricultural products, but it looks as though they would just as well have remained at home so far as accomplishing anything goes. The republicans have already agreed to a schedule of rates on agricultural products.

The Washington Post has been having fun with Secretary Morton. Its latest hit is too good to be overlooked; "The Post is under obligations to Hon. J. Sterling Morton for his most valuable report on 'Tapeworms of Poultry'. By the keen employment of that twin screw and double expansion logic for which the head of the Agricultural Department is so noted, the writer is able to show that this pest which is anouncing to farmers and adding to their mortgages is due directly to the constant agitation of the financial question by irresponsible persons who do not agree with the present administration."

The swearing in of Senator Kenney, of Delaware, which the most radical of the republicans had not the cheek to object to, after the committee on elections had refused to reopen the DuPont claim, makes a full Senate of ninety members. There will probably be a break in the ranks again after the 4th of March, either on account of no successor being selected to Senator Blackburn or because of a deadlock in one or more states which have not yet elected Senators.

Your Present Need.

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A correspondent of the Winston Republican says the register of deeds of Orange county has held the office continuously for over 50 years. Can this be true?—Landmark.

Our Welcome To Kossuth.

"The military parade and public demonstration given in honor of Kossuth, the Hungarian exile, upon the occasion of his visit to New York, in 1851, was the finest ever seen in that city," writes Parke Goodwin, who witnessed the memorable demonstration, and very graphically recalls it in the "Great Personal Events" article of the February Ladies Home Journal. Broadway was a bewildering sight, densely packed with enthusiastic, cheering crowds; the houses were literally buried by flags, bunting, greens and other decorations. About the City Hall the colors of Hungary floated in profusion, always flanked by the American flag. At the magnificent and inspiring spectacle Kossuth was evidently amazed. "It was more than he expected, and as he calmly viewed the scene (at Broadway and Ann street) he was startled by the thunderous shout of welcome from admirers that had gathered at the Astor House he looked up and saw every man in the windows and on the porch cheering and waving his hat in a frenzy of enthusiasm, and the women saluting him with equal favor. Kossuth gracefully bowed, not once, twice, thrice, a dozen times. During this recognition the scene grew in enthusiasm until the effect was almost bewildering. It seemed as if the populace had gone mad. Again and again did Kossuth rise and bow, until finally he stood up in his carriage, hat in hand, radiantly smiling. But the scene did not end here. The procession was temporarily halted by the immense crowd. The passage of the carriages was almost impossible. Again loud huzzas for Kossuth were thundered forth by 30,000 persons of all classes and ages, and once more did Kossuth rise and stand in his carriage. The Hungarian aides, who followed immediately after Kossuth's carriage, came in for their share of applause; they, too, were cheered heartily. They returned the compliment by waving their Hungarian banner. Again 30,000 voices were raised in honor of the great Hussar, and again the Hussar flag was lowered. It is impossible to adequately describe the scene that followed. Those who witnessed it remember it, and will recall it as the most remarkable event of its kind in the history of our country."

The Elkin Times says: The late J. R. Norman, of Wilkes county, owned a safe and no one knew the combination but himself and he died without telling any one the figures. His family have made several attempts to get it open, but all of no avail. The safe contains all his accounts notes and other valuable papers.

CABSTORIA.
At Newton, Conn. 300 employees of the rubber works are out on a strike.

A Proclamation by the Governor.

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State of North Carolina, Executive Department. Whereas official information has been received at this Department that an unknown person or persons about the 1st of Nov., 1896, set fire to the barn of M. L. Waters, destroying it and its contents. And whereas, it appears that the said unknown person or persons have fled the State, or so conceal themselves that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon them.

Now, therefore, I, Elias Carr, Governor of the State of North Carolina, by virtue of authority in me vested by law, do issue this my Proclamation, offering a reward of one hundred dollars for the apprehension and delivery of the said unknown person or persons to the Sheriff of Watauga county at the court house in Boone, and I do enjoin all officers of the State and all good citizens to assist in bringing said criminals to justice.

Done at our City of Raleigh, the 11th day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety seven and in the one hundred and twenty first year of our American Independence.

ELIAS CARR, Governor,
S. F. TELLEFAIR
Private Secretary.

As a model for those who will do such things, we commend the following obituary card in a recent edition of the Eldorado Times, says the Bristol Courier.

"I desire to thank my friends and neighbors most heartily in this manner for their united aid and cooperation during the illness and death of my recent husband who escaped from me by the hand of death on Friday last while eating his breakfast. To the friends and all who contributed so willingly towards making the last moments and funeral of my husband a hoisting success I desire to be remembered most kindly, hoping these few lines will find you enjoying the same blessing. I also have a good milk cow and a roan gelding horse that I will sell cheap—God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform. He plants His footstep on the sea and rides upon the storm—also a black and white shoat very low.

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Dun & Co. say the month of January showed a real gain in trade.

NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator with will annexed of the last will and testament of the late Elizabeth Swift, all parties having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned executor on or before Feb. 11, '98, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate, either by note or otherwise, will make immediate payment to me. This Feb. 11 1897 SMITH HAGAMAN, Executor.

A Remarkable Decision.

Atlanta Journal.

The courts sometimes make decision that seem very queer to those who are not acquainted with all the facts and conditions involved.

The Supreme Court of Colorado, for instance, in a recent opinion holds that a man cannot pump from a well on his own land water, which, if left alone, would make its way to a stream in which another man has recognized rights.

A man named Wilson, living in Lone Tree valley, dug two artesian wells and with the water procured from them brought 480 acres of hitherto useless land to a high state of cultivation. But Lone Tree creek, which runs near by his land, showed the effect of the artesian wells very decidedly in its decreased flow. A water company, which has been supplying its ditches from a creek, obtained an injunction to prevent Wilson from using his pumps. This decision has been made permanent by the Supreme Court, which holds that Wilson's pumping diverted water which would otherwise have gone into the creek, and is therefore an interference with the rights of others.

An Old Hand.

"I am very sorry, sir," said the poet, "but I am obliged to call your attention to the fact that a line in one of my recent compositions was entirely perverted and the meaning painfully distorted by the compositor."

"Young man," replied the editor that compositor has gone through more poems than you ever wrote or ever read. He has put in his life getting up poetry of all kinds, spring and fall styles and heavier goods for winter. He may have changed your poem, but when you say that he harmed it you presume. When a man of his experience makes up his mind to change a piece of poetry, a person in your position should remember the respect that is due to superior knowledge and not attempt to criticize.—Washington Star.

Here is the kind of an obituary says the Progressive Farmer, that a Georgia Editor put up for a poor man: "Poor Jim slung his earthly garments on a limb and swam the river yesterday. He did not stand back because the water was cold, but plunged right in, rose smiling and struck right out for the other shore where the angels were waiting for him with a finer suit than he had ever worn in his life. Jim was a poor man, but he had his subscription to his home paper all paid up, and he got there in good shape."

The Stillwater (Minn.) father wrote to the Treasury Department to ask if the Government allowed a bounty for triplets was not at all illegal. Certainly, if it be a function of the Government to coddle infant industries it is trebly bound to do so in the case of triplets.—Ex.

The libel suit against the Wilmington Messenger has been compromised by paying the plaintiff, Butler, \$400.

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