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## WASHINGTON LETTER

From our Regular Correspondent.

The Democrats of the House in caucus endorsed the statements made by Representative Bailey, of Texas, when Representative Dingley, in response to Representative Jerry Simpson's protest, bluntly stated that the Republicans did not intend to allow any general legislation by the House at this session. Mr. Bailey said: "We are not inclined to insist upon the Republican party legislation. We feel that the country suffers when the Republican party legislates. We have contended this all our lives, and we sincerely believe it. We have no desire to urge the Republican party to make laws, but we desire to understand its policy. We are here ready to discuss any measures you desire to bring up, but believing that nine out of ten of them would be bad we are ready to help you if your policy is to do nothing."

In the death of ex-Senator D. W. Voorhees, which occurred Saturday morning at his Washington residence, the Democratic party lost one of its ablest and hardest workers, a man who has, for nearly half a century occupied a place in the front ranks of Democracy in every National campaign. Mr. Voorhees had been in failing health for several years, but his death was entirely unexpected although he was in his seventieth year.

Hon. W. J. Bryan arrived in Washington to-day from Florida. This evening he was given a reception by the Old Dominion Club and delivered an address before the law school of Columbia University, and to-morrow evening he will be the guest of honor at the big Democratic Jefferson celebration.

Among the many prominent business men who are in Washington for the purpose of pointing out to the Senate Committee on Finance, the bad features of the tariff bill, is Marshall Field, the widely known Chicago merchant. Mr. Field was asked if he cared to make a statement for publication concerning the tariff bill, and he replied: "No, except the one general remark that it is the worst tariff bill I ever saw, not only as regards the rates of duty imposed, but in the complicated and ambiguous methods of imposing them. There is scarcely a line in the bill that will not have to be interpreted by the Supreme Court."

Speaking of whether the Democrats in the Senate ought to resort to filibustering to delay or defeat the tariff bill, ex-Representative Clunie, of California, said: "I am in favor of allowing the Republicans absolute sway and full scope in the making of a tariff. The freer they are left to work their will the quicker will the country repudiate their acts, for I hold that prosperity can never come from taxation, but only from a readjustment of

our financial system that will put silver back to its old footing of equality with gold." This is substantially the position taken by Senator Jones, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, in a letter made public a few days ago, and which is endorsed by most of the Democrats in both branches of Congress.

The Republicans are doing considerable worrying about the civil service rules and how they are going to get around them, at least, those who are after office are. About the only man who has already got his office who has shown any special interest in this matter, is Public Printer Palmer, who has been practically discharging Democrats from the government printing office, by asking for their resignations, every day since he took charge.

Ex-Congressman Bowden, of Va., who is to become a Federal office-holder, voiced the opinion of the office-seekers when he said: "I have met during my present visit to Washington with Republicans from every part of the Union, and almost to a man they are opposed to civil service reform, so-called. It is a fact that there is a revolt against the whole system, and I for one, would be glad to see it demolished for all time. I believe President McKinley is going to do what he thinks is right, but I do not believe he is going to ignore the claim of those who stood by him in the campaign." That sort of talk is heard every day, but Mr. McKinley has given no sign, and it is doubtful whether he will set aside any of the extensions of the civil service rules made by Mr. Cleveland, unless authorized by Congress to do so, and the average Republican Congressman, while willing to talk against the civil service law to please their office-seeking constituents, will hesitate about voting against it, and there are a number of them who will stand by the law through thick and thin.

Boss Platt's henchmen are much exercised over a report that Theodore Roosevelt, who will qualify as Assistant Secretary of the Navy in a few days, having already been nominated and confirmed, will investigate the Brooklyn navy yard. It was because they feared this very thing that they fought Roosevelt's appointment to this place.

At Knoxville Thomas Alley sues Eliza A. Alley for divorce. The husband and wife are each 66 years of age. They were born on the same day, and have lived together as husband and wife for more than a quarter of a century.

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## Ram's Horns Blasts.

The man who tries to take up his cross with one hand will never be able to lift it.

It is hard to make a cold prayer in a warm prayer meeting.

Wherever the truth is in a de known, God is speaking.

Cultivate the habit of casting all your care upon Christ.

Be a happy christian and God will make you a useful one.

We are always in great danger when we hold on to a little sin.

The mercies of God, like grapes, are always found in clusters.

Christ is not well received where his servant is improperly treated.

The man who keeps a bull dog should not talk very much in church.

The great man of to-day shows us what all men may be by and by.

The greater our growth in grace the greater our need of common sense.

It is hard to believe that there is death in the sin that wears a mask of gold.

No man is strong whose character has not stood the test of many trials.

The fault-finder would growl about the weather if it were raining money.

The world is full of blind Samsons, who spend their lives grinding in a mill.

Determine every day to do your prayerful best and leave the result with God.

A big man in a little world is as much out of place as a little man in a big one.

When we get to the end of life we shall find that nothing has been lost.

Seek first the kingdom of God, and no gift the world can give will ever hurt you.

Give until you feel it, and you will feel more like giving than you did before.

If the devil had to wear the same old coat every day, he would never leave the pit.

There is nothing like telling good news, or imparting a pleasant tone to the voice.

**Antiseptic Qualities of Coins.**

It is a well-known fact that paper money is liable to transfer bacteria from one person to another, and thus spread contagious diseases.

It is also supposed that coins, which are more in circulation than notes, might similarly act as agents for spreading diseases, and investigations in that direction were made at the Vienna University when Austria changed its currency to the gold basis.

A report about his observations was recently published by Dr. Vincent in the Vienna Medical Gazette, in which he states that metals act, so to speak, as antiseptics in regard to bacteria, or microbes the fact being that these microscopic organisms have but a very short lease of life while on metals. The destroying influences of metals increase with their temperature and also with the close touch of the micro-organisms with the metal. At a temperature of ninety-five to 100 degrees Fahrenheit, which is common in the pockets where money is carried, the destruction of microbes occurs within three hours. The various metals used for coins are somewhat different in this respect, silver being the most antiseptic and gold the least. Copper and bronze hold about the middle between the two more precious metals.

St. Louis Globe Democrat.

**KILLED IN A COLLISION.**

Charlotte, N. C., April 12.—Yesterday morning at 11:15 o'clock the Southern's north bound vestibule No. 36 collided with the south bound mail train No. 11 at the northern entrance to the siding at Harrisburg, 13 miles north of Charlotte. The killed are:

T. Clingman Benton of Charlotte, aged 30, postal clerk on No. 11.

Clyde Eady, mill hand of Forest Hill, Concord.

Will Donaldson of Lynchburg, fireman of 36.

The wounded are: W. B. Tunstall of Danville, engineer of 36, badly scalded about head, arms and face;

J. C. Kinney, of Thomasville, engineer of No. 11, scalded about chest, back, arms and neck;

James Lovell of Richmond, conductor of No. 11, cut in face;

Fitzburgh Lee, colored porter on No. 11, legs hurt;

William Clement of East Durham, slightly hurt;

R. E. Gallagher, express messenger hurt about head and arms.

Engineer Kinney at noon was not expected to live through to-day.

All the wounded are at the city hospitals. The dead who lived in Charlotte were buried this afternoon.

The wreck is the worst that ever happened in this immediate vicinity; Three postal cars, two express cars and two baggage cars were smashed, some of them being completely splintered, and both engines were knocked into scrap iron.

Later—Engineer Kinney is better and may recover. Engineer Tunstall was taken to Danville to-day. His wife came down for him.

The body of Postal Clerk Benton was carried to Monroe for interment this evening, accompanied by the local body of Pythians.

The blame for the accident seems to lie with the engineer of the south bound train, who now lies in the hospital here, badly wounded.—John Wilber Jenking in Asheville Citizen.

**Old Bites of Information.**

Fully one-third of the land in Great Britain is owned by members of the house of lords.

Onyx in large quantity, and, it is said, of good quality, has been found in Hart county, Kentucky.

Europe has four times as many cities as it had in 1831 and the United States fourteen times as many.

The jury men in a murder trial at Muskegon, Mich., went to a barber's to get shaved and haircutted and the tonsorial artist was not permitted to speak a word during the entire operation.

Owing to many unreasonable complaints a postoffice official has found it necessary to gravely announce that the United States mail is indifferent to lovers and that delayed letters are not withheld out of malice.

Thousands of head of antelope are to be seen along the short Line back of Bewwith, Idaho. They have been in that section all winter and are little hunted. One hand is believed to contain fully 5,000 head.—Atlanta Constitution.

## The Medicine Habit.

If the habit of taking some proprietary concoction for every illness and indisposition keeps on growing at the rate it has been growing the last ten years, we shall soon need a cure for the medicine habit as well as for the liquor habit. In the market and in every conceivable shape, there are plenty of nicely labeled but worse than useless nostrums, that are warranted to cure anything and everything, and they are advertised so adroitly, with high testimonials, and in such a way as to attract the attention of every nervous and chronic invalid in the land. They read the list of symptoms to which the remedies, apply and find some of them, at least, similar to their own, and hence invest in them. Women are thus victimized oftener than men. There are thousands of barrels of stuff consumed every month, and tons of pills and powder taken, by those who think themselves capable of taking the responsibility of curing themselves rather than put their cases in the hands of a responsible physician. If they happen to recover from their headache, tired feeling, or other discomforts, they credit the change to the medicine taken. If they do not get relief, they go straightway and get another kind. The most benefit derived from this course of medication goes into the pocket of the producer, and the patient suffers the consequence. How long, we ask, will such an evil have sway?

Pacific Health Journal.

**Much Truth in This.**

Newspaper men are blamed for a lot of things they cannot help; such as using partiality in mentioning visitors, giving news about some folks and leaving others out, etc. They simply print the news they can find. An editor should not be expected to know the names and residences of your uncles, aunts and cousins, even if he should see them off on the train. Tell him about it. It is news that makes a newspaper, and every man, woman and child in the neighborhood could be associate editor if they would.

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The little dog lay in the gutter with a broken leg, and it remained for the young lady in the tailor-made suit to pick him up and place him in the nearest stairway.

"A woman," said the fat man with the red nose, "a woman with a disposition like that would make some man a good wife."

"Not much, she wouldn't," said the thin man with his coat buttoned tight. "She spoiled a three dollar pair of gloves picking up a fifty cent dog."

**CASTORIA**

For Infants and Children.

The small signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* is on every wrapper.

Within a month in this city, New York, two wives were awarded \$50,000 each, for alienation of their husbands' affections by two other women. We have long thought that the value of men as husbands has been too little appreciated. While these precedents are a warning to husbands to have only one wife at a time, there arises a just and generous pride on the part of the universal man that he is not the insignificant creature the new woman apparently thinks he is.—Judge.

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