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WASHINGTON LETTER

From our Regular Correspondent.

Is there to be another sugar scandal? That is the question that is being asked often and as the sugar schedule in the amended tariff bill is becoming better understood. Washington is full of ugly rumors concerning that sugar schedule and the manner in which it was adopted, one being that a copy of the schedule was in the hands of a broker several days before the bill was reported to the Senate, and was used for speculative purposes. Senator Jones, of Nevada, is reported to have stated that at the last meeting of the republican members of the Senate Finance committee, which he was invited to attend it was definitely understood that the provision expressly continuing the Hawaiian reciprocity treaty should remain in the bill, yet when the bill was reported to the Senate the next day that clause was left out. It is notorious that the sugar trust has been working out to get the treaty with Hawaii abrogated. It is also known that majority of Congress is opposed to the abrogation of this treaty. Can it be wondered at them, that it should be charged the treaty provision were left out of the bill so that the money might be made speculating in the stock of the sugar trust? Prominent republicans have openly denounced this sugar schedule as indefensible and as being intentionally muddled and mixed so as to confuse the public as to the benefit the sugar trust would derive from it. The Dingley bill as passed by the House gave the sugar trust protection to the extent of one-quarter of a cent a pound on sugar, but Representative Swanson, of Va., a democratic member of the House Ways and Means committee, who has carefully analyzed the present schedule positively asserts that, "the least possible protection to the sugar trust in the schedule adopted by the Senate Finance committee is nearly half a cent a pound." Whether the present schedule be allowed to stand or not, the sugar trust people and those who stand in with them have already utilized it to make a big pile of money by speculating.

Mr. Claude M. Johnson, the gold democrat who, as a personally requested favor of ex Secretary Carlisle, is being allowed to remain at the head of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, is getting some rough raking over the democrats. He is accused of recommending the reinstatement of republicans whose dismissal he had recommended to the Secretary of the Treasury for specific cause, under the late administration, and is said to take especial pleasure in a republican reinstatement that pushes a regular democrat out.

The country is likely to get an idea very soon of why Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, some

times referred to as "Scraping Teddy," was made Assistant Secretary of the Navy, as Mr. Roosevelt will this week begin an investigation of the New York navy yard, with special reference to its employment of labor. It has been hinted that boss Platt has had an understanding with Mr. Roosevelt, and that the New York navy yard is to be utilized in behalf of the republican machine in greater New York, but it will not be believed by those who have faith in Mr. Roosevelt's professions of reform, until there is proof in sight.

Now that the arbitration treaty has been rejected, largely by the efforts and votes of democratic Senators lots of those who were at one time advocating the ratification of the treaty are talking about what a lucky escape the United States had.

Recent news from Ohio has not been at all satisfactory to Boss Hanna and his hopes of retaining the seat in the Senate that John Sherman was compelled to give him, and he has gone to Ohio to study the situation at close range, and figure up how much cash he shall put into the campaign. His republican colleagues in the Senate showed how transient they regarded him by failing to make him chairman of any committee and by giving him unimportant committee assignments. They could not very well have made plain their belief that the next Ohio legislature would be democratic and Mr. Hanna's successor a democrat. It was given out by Mr. Hanna that he was going home for a rest, by order of his physician.

If indications are not very deceptive the influence of the sugar trust is quite as potent in the White House as in the Senate. Mr. McKinley has been unable to stand the pressure, and will, there are reasons to believe, save the New York broker (Chapman) who refused to divulge the names of Senators who speculated in sugar through his firm from the ignominy of serving the term in jail to which he was sentenced by pardoning him. If he does, the pardon will indirectly result in saving the two members of the sugar trust who are under indictment for contempt in the same case, as the indictments will probably be nol prossed if Chapman is pardoned.

After The Honeymoon.

He—You'll be accusing me next of leading a double life.
She—You do lead a double life—you're twice as mean a man as I thought you were when I married you.—Chicago Tribune.

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THE DAVIS FAMILY.

Editor Democrat:—

By request of an old Virginia friend, Mr. Calhoun Davis. I wish to give a short historical sketch of his North Carolina relatives from 1765 to the present time.

While it may seem tiresome to those not concerned to read a record after the style of our pioneer settlers, I hope the following may at any rate, be of interest to the offsprings of the head of the following record, which is verbatim with it.

George Davis was born in Mecklenburg county, N. C., on Dec. 22nd, 1765. Sarah Davis is, nee McElroy, daughter of John and Martha McElroy and wife of George Davis. was born in Pierce Edward county, Va., June 11th, 1762.

John Adkins, son of John Adkins and Sarah Davis, was born in Mecklenburg county, N. C., May 26th, 1784.

Golston Davis, son of Geo. and Sarah Davis, was born in Surry county, N. C., near Shallow Ford of Yadkin river, May 26th, 1787. Martha Davis was born at same place, Dec. 19th, 1788.

Jane Davis was born at same place, Oct. 7th, 1790.

Holden Davis was born in Ashe county, May 22nd, 1792. Violet Davis was born on Cove Creek, Ashe county, June 27th, 1794.

Sarah Davis was born at same place Jan. 13th, 1796. Elizabeth Davis was born at same place, March 12th, 1798. William Davis was born at same place Jan. 29th, 1800. Amelia Davis was born at same place Aug. 16th, 1801. Nancy Davis was born at same place Aug. 28th, 1803.

George Davis, father of 10 of these children, died on Cove Creek, on Jan. 12th, 1808, after seven years Rheumatically held.

Golston Davis lived to be one of our best citizens, and died at the ripe old age of eighty-five or eighty-six years his face having been almost eaten up by cancer.

Martha Davis lived and died in this county. Of her life we know but little, but may safely say, her days were spent aright.

Jane Davis also lived and died on Cove Creek, unmarried.

Holden Davis was married to Rachel Harman, daughter of Cutley Harman of Cove Creek, who lived about where uncle David Harman now lives. Unto them were born three children: Milton, Calhoun and Susanna.

Golston lived three score and fourteen years, and his life and character for good will remain unforgotten until the last vestige of the Dav is history, either written or traditional, shall have vanished from the minds of Watauga's people.

Violet Davis was married to one Mr. Harmon of this county and moved to Indiana. Her husband died soon afterwards. From letters written to her relatives here, she must have accumulated a vast amount of the world's goods.

Sarah Davis was married to George Moody of this county. To them were born six children: Calvin, Holden, Sallie, George, Violet and Golston.

Elizabeth Davis was married to Jacob Greene of this county. To them were born twelve children: Violet, Geo. D., Ervin, Ametia, Lucinda, Elizabeth, Enoch, John, Jacob, Barzilla, Jeremiah and Mary M. Three of these noble sons bravely spilt their patriotic blood upon the battle fields in the interest of the Southern cause.

William Davis was married to a Miss McElroy, and moved to Indiana.

Now allow us to speak a few words relative to the one in whose interest more especially the above has been given. Calhoun Davis was born on Cove Creek, Watauga Co., March 15th, 1823. In 1844 his father sold his farm to Milton Davis and moved to Virginia, where he has made his home ever since. He has been married three times. First to Eliza Williams, of Virginia, who bore him seven children, all living in Russell Co., Va., save one (Rebecca) who lives in Lafayette county Mo. His second wife, Susan Williams, a cousin to his first wife, died in 1892. His third wife was Nancy M. Lewis, who is still living.

In 1891 Mr. Calhoun Davis did a great deal of traveling over the Western States. During that time he remained eight months with his daughter, in Missouri. On November 25th, 1896, he came to Watauga and since then has spent a night at fifty-one different homes in this county, the most of the people being related to him. He says that he has never been more kindly treated in all his life than by the people of Watauga county. He says that there are no better people in any State from Maine to Mexico.

He was in the service of the Southern Army fifteen months. While at Marion, Va., he saw an engagement between his Colonel, V. A. Hitcher of Va., and a Michigan Colonel, whose name is not given. The latter rode up to the former and said, "No quarters for you d—d horse thieves," where upon the former replied "3—d—n you, we ask none," and forthwith slew him.

H. E. P.

Two of a Kind.

A colored bootblack in Kansas City has this sign up at his stand: "Pedal teguments artistically illuminated and lubricated for the infinitesimal compensation of five cents per operation."

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Good Character Guerrillas.

New York May 10.—A dispatch to the Journal from Havana says:

"Gen. Figuerer of the crack cavalry regiment of Pizarro will embark immediately with the few survivors of his force for Spain. The same steamer is expected to take about 700 returning infantry forces, and all these-called volunteers, enlisted from the prisons throughout Spain for the campaign here as guerrillas, are, according to a recent order of Weyler, to be discharged within the next fortnight. Each one of these [former] jailbirds upon his departure from the island will be given a certificate of good character and a military cross for his services in raiding Cuban hospitals, butchering the helpless wounded and assaulting Cuban women found acting as nurses therein."

DISAPPOINTED.

Dr. Messick, of Lewis Fork, who was in town last week, says McKinley has refused to give him the office which he promised him the last time he spent the night with him. McKinley gives as the reason, that the Dr. didn't come to his inauguration. The office promised was superintendent of the bog Path from Dick's Hollow to Church's distillery. Some fellow who attended the inauguration will no doubt get the job.—Wilkesboro Chronicle.

She Spanked Grant.

A very distinguished personage died in New York the day in the person of a woman whose proud boast it was that she had spanked General Grant, and that, too, not once but often. Now that she is gone it will be interesting to hear from the lady who mixed Grover Cleveland's pap, the goddess who helped Benjamin Harrison to paregoric, and the madonna who court-plastered Abraham Lincoln's cut finger.—Reading (Pa.) Herald.

What We Inherit

We are not to blame for. We cannot be held responsible for the disposition and tendencies which we derive from our ancestors, nor are we responsible for the germs of disease which may manifest themselves in our blood as a heritage from former generations. But we are responsible if we allow these germs to develop into serious diseases which will impair our usefulness and destroy our happiness. We are responsible if we transmit to our descendants the disease germs which it is possible for us to eradicate by the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla, the one true blood purifier. This medicine has power to make rich, red blood and establish perfect health in place of disease.

A social congenial person is more to be admired than a sour crusty biggot.

Almost a Miracle.

We were very much surprised yesterday to see Esquire Davis out upon the street again looking as though he had taken a new lease of life. Considering that the Esquire has been for years a confirmed invalid with what was supposed to be but little short of a miracle. When questioned as to the cause of his restored health, he said: "Symphyx did it, a few bottles have stopped my cough, restored my lungs to health, and made me a well man. There is no medicine equal to it."

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