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WASHINGTON LETTER

From our Regular Correspondent.

The House of Representatives presents an object lesson to the world showing how easily a supposedly free branch of a supposed popular government can be muzzled. Three fourths of the members of the House would like to vote for the Morgan resolution, adopted by the Senate last week, for the recognition of the belligerency of the Cubans, but they are not allowed to do so. Mr. McKinley says the adoption of that resolution by the House would interfere with the mysterious Cuban policy that he is engaged in hatching out, by compelling him to show his hand, as it is a joint resolution which would have to be either signed or vetoed, and not a concurrent resolution, like the one adopted by the last Congress and pigeon-holed by Mr. Cleveland; the sugar trust says the resolution must not be adopted, and Czar Reed says it shall not be, and there you are. The democrats kick to the full extent of their power, but the republican members of the House swallow their convictions and vote against the will of their constituents because they are afraid to offend Mr. McKinley and Mr. Reed, lest they should fail to land an office or two or to get the Committee assignments they want, and the force of calling the House a legislative body goes on, like the butcheries in Cuba.

There will be no tax on the breakfast of the poor, nor any additional tax upon beer, the poor man's beyer or tobacco, if the democrats can prevent it, as a caucus of democratic Senators unanimously decided to move that the entire internal revenue section of the amended tariff bill, now being debated in the Senate, be struck out. Whether that motion is carried will depend upon the vote of the Populist Senators. It was also decided at the caucus that the democratic Senators would only antagonize the tariff bill to the extent of exposing its enormous and unnecessary taxation, and would interpose no objection to taking a final vote in a reasonable time. The republican Senators are having a regular monkey and parrot time among themselves over some of the amendments to the bill. The explanation of Senator Aldrich was not at all satisfactory, and there were lots of the plainest sort of talk at the republican caucus held to-day, and although they are making a strong effort to settle their differences in some way off the floor of the Senate, there is little prospect of their succeeding, and an open fight among them is expected to be an early and interesting feature of the tariff debate. They are going to pass the bill, of course, but not until it has been much changed. The agents of the sugar trust

realize that the present sugar schedule has no show at all, and are scheming for another that will bamboozle the public long enough for it to become a law. There have been numerous things showing the hold of the negro politicians of the South upon Boss Hanna, as a natural result of Hanna's method of securing McKinley delegates in the South, prior to the St. Louis Convention. The latest example was the withdrawal from the Senate of the nomination of S. S. Matthews, to be Register of the Land Office at Jackson Mississippi. Matthews is a white republican who was strongly backed by such men as Foraker, Pension Commissioner Evans, and Gen. Powell Clayton, but the negro member of the republican National Committee from Mississippi, Jim Hill, didn't like the nomination, so he went to Boss Hanna and told him it must be withdrawn, and Mr. Hanna lost no time in getting Mr. McKinley to withdraw it from the Senate.

From all directions come authentic news of a change in sentiment since last November. For instance, Mr. S. W. M. Peters, of W. Va., said: "West Virginia cast its electoral vote last year for McKinley, but if the election were to be held over again right now, the verdict would be reversed. I am satisfied that free silver would win if the fight were to be made over again. Of all my democratic friends who voted the republican ticket last year or for Palmer and Buckner, I doubt if there is one who would fail to cast his ballot for Bryan if the opportunity were again presented. The next legislature will be strongly democratic, and a democrat will be chosen to succeed Senator Faulkner."

The interest in the successor to Senator Earle, of S. C., who died last week, is by no means confined to South Carolina democrats. As the legislature will not meet until next January, the Governor will appoint a Senator to serve until an election is held. South Carolinians in Washington think that Representative McLaurin's chances for becoming Senator are excellent.

Topic: The recent earthquake played havoc on Blue Ridge in sight of Mt. Airy. A rock 21x18 feet and about eight feet thick was hurled down the mountain at Fisher's Peak, distance of perhaps five hundred feet, carrying everything in its path. Trees two feet in diameter were cut off level with the ground. Many other rocks of various sizes were also shaken loose. Fortunately no one was in the vicinity.

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Putting on Style.

"Dar am likewise another matter which I wish to refer to dis evenin', and dat am de weakness of de cull'd people in general for puttin' on style, as it is called. We hev examples of it almost ebery night in de week. Way back in December de wife of Elder Penstock giv an' 'at home.' De elder owns his hous' an' am purty well fixed, an' he kin afford such things. I was dar as one of de guests, an' while I thought de elder was a little extravagant in de way dey served up fried eggs at fo'ty cents a dozen, I had no criticism to make. What pains me am what folered dat party.

"A week later Judge Caffiff's wife had de same kind of a circus. De judge, as we all know, has de hardest kind o' work to git 'taters and meat fur his nine chill'en and half of 'em hev to go b'arfut all winter. His wife didn't want to be outdun, however, an' so she had a 'crush.' She had three kinds o' cake, two sorts o' cheese and fo' kinds o' cold treat, an' de dress she had on neiber cost less'n thirty cents a yard. Dar was a heap o' people dar, an' everybody had a good time, but de best guest was hardly outer de house when de judge was around tryin' to borry five dollars to make up his mont's rent. Since dat time de fam'ly has libed mostly on bread an' water, an' de parlor clock has gone to de pawn shop to buy fuel.

"I doan' speak of dese things in a complain' way, but it pains me to see what little sense some folks hev. Puttin' on style an' swellin' around am all right fur de folks dat hev got de cash down in der pockets, but all wrong fur de folks who haven't."—Bro. Gardner's Lecture Before the Lime Kiln Club.

To Those In Debt.

Make a full estimate of all you owe, advised Benjamin Franklin, and of all that is owing to you. Reduce the same to a note. As fast as you collect, pay over to those you owe. If you cannot pay renew your notes every year, giving the best security you can. Go to business diligently and be industrious. Waste no idle moments; be very economical in all things; discard all pride; be faithful in your duty to God, by regular and hearty prayer morn' and night; attend church Sunday and do unto all men as you would they should do unto you.

If you are too needy in circumstances to give to the poor, do whatever else is in your power cheerfully; but if you can do so help the poor and unfortunate.

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FAITH AND HOPE DEFINED BY MR. MOODY.

Evangelist Dwight L. Moody writes "hope" to his Bible Class in the June Ladies' Home Journal, and lucidly and interestingly presents the distinction between faith and hope. "Although very closely connected faith and hope should be clearly distinguished. Faith has work to perform to-day; hope cheers faith on the way, and points to rewards of service. The former comes by hearing the Apostle Paul tells us, while the latter comes by experience. Faith accepts the gift of promise, and hope guards the sacred treasure. Hope confidently expects the fulfillment of promises in the future. The Bible has much to say about hope, but never does it use the term of mean uncertainty or doubt. It is always employed in the sense of implicit confidence in the fulfillment of the promise upon which it rests. It is a wrong use of the Scriptural term for any one to hope that he is a Christian, even as it would be absurd for me to hope that I am an American. That is a fact, I do not hope to be something that I know I am. I may hope to be a royal citizen of my country, and in the sense of truly believing that my patriotism will keep me such, I am hoping rightly. And thus, while we know that we are Christians, we may hope, through faith, to be kept from temptations which surround us through Him who has redeemed us from sin."

Sincerity.

The origin of the word "sincerity" is profoundly interesting and suggestive. When Rome flourished, when her fame was spread the world over, when Tiber was lined with noble palaces built of choicest marbles, men vied with each other in the construction of their habitations. Skillful sculptors were in request, and immense sums of money were paid for elaborate workmanship. The workman, however, were then guilty of practicing deceitful tricks. If, for example, they accidentally chipped the edges of the marble or if they discovered some conspicuous flaw, they would fill up the chink and supply the deficiency by means of prepared wax. For some time the deception would not be discovered, but when the weather tested the buildings the heat or damp would disclose the wax. At length those who had determined on the erection of mansions introduced a binding clause into their contracts to the effect that the whole work from the first to the last was to be *sine cera*—that is, "without wax." Thus we obtain our word sincerity. To be sincere is to be without any attempt on our part to mislead, misrepresent, deceive, or to impose on another; to be, and appear to be, what we are; to say what we mean and what we say.—The Presbyterian Review.

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A Republican Opinion of a Republican Governor.

Not to multiply instances, we call attention to some of the most flagrant.

His [Gov. Russell's] bull-headed attempts to influence legislation, the unnecessary and senseless precipitation of the party into railroad complications, his neglect of deserving Republicans in the interest of Democrats in appointments to office, the insulting way he has of treating all who refuse to blindly follow him, his undignified fawning upon Democratic lawyers, his unblushing nepotism and favoritism, and last but not least, his ungrateful neglect of the colored race, which, from the time he was muling and puking in his nurse's arms, has loyally sustained him even to the sustention of his life itself, and, after denouncing them as a race of savages and thieves, could, out of the hundred thousand who voted for him, find only one fit for a paying office, and that one an individual whom he had, himself, denounced as a scoundrel—Raleigh Tribune.

Marrying a Man to Reform Him.

"The most subtle and deceitful hope which ever existed, and one which wrecks the happiness of many a young girl's life," writes Evangelist Dwight L. Moody, in the June Ladies' Home Journal, "is the common delusion that a woman can best reform a man by marrying him. It is a mystery to me how people can be blinded to the hundreds of cases in every community where tottering homes have fallen and innocent lives have been wrecked, because some young girl has persisted in marrying a scoundrel in the hope of saving him. I have known such a union, and I have seen hundreds of them, result in anything but sadness and disaster. Let no young girl think that she may be able to accomplish what a loving mother or sympathetic sisters have been unable to do. Before there is any contract of marriage there should be convicting proof that there has been real and thorough regeneration."

The Children of the Plain People Grieve in Outer Darkness.

Six hundred thousand children, the flower in which sleeps the North Carolina of twenty years hence, are without schools of any kind nine long, forgotten months after year. Can one be expected to write of anything else so long as the children of the plain people are so miserably cared for, when the way of betterment is so possible? North Carolina does not know what she is doing. In a few towns she is sowing good seed, but throughout the length and breadth of the State the devil is sowing tares; and the reaping must come.

Men and brethren, this matter is with us; we are responsible; it is our State. We must reconstruct, and build stronger and greater the temple of North Carolina's hope, our public school system.—Biblical Recorder.

Topic: The Raleigh Tribune, the Republican paper recently started at Raleigh, is dead. This reminds us of a political joke of reconstruction days. Old Maj. Smith, of Johnson, had carried the Republican "organ" for some time. Finally, he let it go by the board. Some one asked him why he did not keep it going. He said it wasn't worth while to publish a paper for a party that couldn't read.

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