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## WASHINGTON LETTER

From our Regular Correspondent.

Oh yes, the Republican Senators are harmonious! so harmonious that it has been necessary during the past week to hold no less than four caucuses, at every one of which there was red hot talk against allowing the trusts to dictate their wishes as to the schedule of the tariff bill in which they are interested, and about other things which are being cramed down the throats of Republican Senators against their own wishes and against the wishes of their constituents. It came out at one of these caucuses that Mr. McKinley has a treaty for the annexation of Hawaii, ready to send to the Senate, as soon as the tariff is out of the way. The statement was made to stop the fight that was being made for the abrogation of the reciprocity treaty with Hawaii.

The report of the Committee on contingent expenses, against Senator Tillman's resolution for an investigation of the charges that Senators had been speculating in sugar stock since the tariff bill had been under consideration, attracted very little attention, because it was known that it would be against the resolution ever since the Republican caucus decided an investigation to be inadvisable. The report argues against the investigation because other investigations have been barren of results, which is about equivalent to saying that one or two criminals having failed to be convicted, it is useless to bring any more to trial. Senator Tillman has been dropping hints of sensational information in his possession on this subject, and there is a rumor that he will make some charges in a public speech that will make an investigation absolutely necessary.

The minority of the Senate committee on Finance will have a vote on the tariff amendment prepared by them, which provides for an internal revenue tax for a period of five years of 2 per cent on all exceeding the value of \$5,000, excepting those bequeathed to religious, charitable, educational, or like institutions. It would be difficult to find an easier way to add a considerable amount to the revenues of the country or one that would be felt by the people, but there are no cuts in it for any trusts, so the trust-bound majority of the Senate will most likely vote it down.

Nothing could more clearly demonstrate the selfishness and grab game nature of "Protection" as seen by the average Republican Senator, than the attempt of Senator Quay to get a good thing for two or three big concerns which are interested in Cuba and Nova Scotia iron ore, by offering an amendment to the tariff bill, exempting from the duty of forty cents a ton, all iron ore imported by manufacturers for their

own use. These friends of Mr. Quay are about all the manufacturers in the country who import iron ore for their own use.

What a small figure consistency cuts with the most prominent Republican Senators, was shown during the debate which preceded in adoption, by the aid of two populists—Jones and Stewart, of Nevada,—one Democrat—McEnery, of La.,—and 29 Republicans, of the so-called "compromise" sugar schedule, which is said to be even more beneficial to the schedule prepared by the Republicans of the Finance Committee. Senator Caffery who, although himself a sugar planter, voted and spoke against the sugar schedule, which he declared to be entirely in the interests of the sugar trust, and quoted the attacks made upon the sugar schedule of the Wilson bill by a number of the Republican supporters of the present sugar schedule. These men attacked the Wilson schedule solely because they charged it gave the sugar trust too much, and now they have the affrontery to jam through a schedule that will give the sugar trust three times as much as it secured under the Wilson schedule, or rather the schedule of the Wilson bill, which was prepared in the Senate and was more favorable to the trust than the original Wilson schedule. The sharp rise in the stock of the sugar trust shows just what the Wall street speculator thought of the "compromise" schedule.

Senator Cannon, Mantle and Pettigrew and ex-Senator Dubois, have been appointed a commission by the executive committee of the silver Republican party and charged with the duty of visiting Japan and China and possibly India, for the purpose of investigating the silver question in those countries. They will go as soon as Congress adjourns.

### Her Easy Method.

"It must distress your wife to be so delicate."  
"No; she likes it."  
"Likes it?"  
"Yes; every little while, you know, she thinks she is going to die, and she gets a new silk gown to be buried in."—Chicago Record.

R. G. Duu & Co., reports some signs of revival in business, we long to see it come and remain with us, but we don't look for much improvement soon. Of course times are obliged to change from the long stagnation. Natural consequences will force a change in some way.

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## A Word to Young Men.

### THE VALUE OF AN EDUCATION.

It has a value of its own which cannot be reckoned in dollars. Education is not merely the acquisition of knowledge, but also the training of the mind. Knowledge is valuable, it is indeed power; but the training of the mind is more valuable. The trained mind can acquire and use knowledge. Thus education opens many doors of usefulness to a man, and usefulness leads to happiness.

"What are you going to make of yourself?" This question is often asked the student. He should reply: "I am going to make a man of myself!" Every young man should strive after a noble and intelligent manhood. Try first to be a good man; then seek to be an intelligent man. The right sort of education seeks to produce true manhood. Get it, then, and count its value far above money.

### NOW IS YOUR TIME.

There is a time for everything under the sun, and there is a time for getting education. Youth is the time. Educate yourself before you enter upon your life work. After you have settled down you will find it hard to break away from business and enter school; and your interest in business will obscure the value of an education. Your heart will go on crying after money. Very few begin school life after the age of twenty-one. Make a beginning now. The beginning is the hard part. So many young men put it off from year to year. "Procrastination is the thief of time." It will steal your youth and doom you to a life of ignorance and inefficiency.

### UNWISE ADVISERS.

Some young men are fortunate in having wise advisers. Parents and friends exhort them to go to college. These good advisers are not all educated, but they are good and wise; they know the value of an education. Happy boy that falls into the hands of such friends; but most young men are so fortunate. They have to run the gauntlet when they go to college. Even those that intend to enter the professions are advised not to enter college. "A waste of time and money!" say the unwise advisers; and the boys who expect to follow a business career are called foolish if they go to college. What is a young fellow to do? In the home circle, in the church circle, in the social circle, and in the business circle he meets nothing but discouragement. All his friends give him a thump as he passes. An old man said, not long ago, of one of our brightest boys: "What a pity he is going to college! He is one of the best farm hands in the country."

Shall the boy go against the judgement of such friends? He must. In the first place, he should not ask their advice. They are not competent to advise him.

Then if they volunteer their advice, he should not heed it. He knows, if he is not stupid or conceited, that he needs an education. Let him go on his duty. God will help him, and his unwise advisers will commend him in the end.

### CHOOSE A GOOD COLLEGE.

Go where you can afford to remain until you finish the course. Attend a college whose course is thorough and whose diploma is valuable.—Dr. J. P. Greene.

### The Nashville Exposition.

Tennessee's Centennial Exposition is now fully open, and a strong tide of travel has turned in that direction. Perhaps nothing shows the progress our Nation has made so well as a comparison of Expositions. Considering the advantage which the National Centennial Exposition had in respect of foreign exhibits and larger financial resources, the Tennessee Centennial Exposition is more creditable than that of the entire United States at Philadelphia in 1876. Our States are rapidly coming to be veritable empires in themselves, as unquestionably they were designed to be in every respect save of government. We are glad to know that already this exposition has done better financially than that at Atlanta, and now bids fair to pay out. Of the helpfulness and expediency of an occasional exposition we are sure; but when it comes to having one every year somewhere we are doubtful. We feared for Tennessee; we therefore now rejoice that she is doing so well in her great undertaking. There can hardly be a more delightful and at the same time profitable trip in store for any one than to Nashville this summer or fall. In this connection, we embrace the opportunity of reminding our readers that the International Baptist Young People's Convention at Chattanooga, in July, will make it more attractive and profitable, and convenient and less expensive to visit the exposition. At Chattanooga, not to mention the instructiveness of the trip thither, the city, Lookout Mountain, Chickamauga Battlefield, and the Convention will repay any one for the time and money required; and it will cost only a little more to also take in Nashville and the Exposition.—Ex.

Some town between this and Wilmington has been playing a dirty trick. On numerous occasions recently when box cars on the Carolina Central were opened here, numbers of cats jumped out, until that part of the town in the neighborhood of the station has been overrun and deviled to death by them. The rat supply having proven inadequate, the chickens are now being killed and eaten by the stray cats. These cats are evidently the surplus gathered up and shipped off from other towns.—Lincoln Journal.

To Cure Constipation Forever, Take Cascaria Candy Cathartic. 10c. or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

## The Tax on Doctors.

There was but one opinion at the State Medical Convention of the tax the fusion Legislature imposed on doctors. The city doctors, while not believing in the tax declared that they saved money by it. In one city, prior to the imposition of this tax by the State, the municipal tax was twenty-five dollars. The law provides that the State privilege tax shall be in lieu of all other privilege tax. The law enables the city doctor to save money, but it bears heavily on the country doctor.

As showing the burden this privilege tax imposes, in a paper read before the State Medical Convention at Morehead, Dr. G. T. Sikes, of Grissom, N. C., said: "As for the laws that demand correction the unjust special tax on professional men should certainly be repealed. The State Treasurer's report shows that for the year 1896 there was collected from the doctors, dentists and lawyers of North Carolina \$18,790, which, allowing 70 cents for a hundred dollars' worth of property, would be equal to the tax on \$2,684,285, making an unjust burden upon the class of men who, above all others, do more for the cause of humanity in proportion to their ability, than any others.

"Now, roughly estimated, there is about 1,000 licensed physicians in North Carolina who probably paid their special tax, amounting to \$15,000; and allowing an average practice of two thousand dollars per capita, it would equal the sum of three million dollars a year. Of this, allowing fifty per cent. for loss and charity practice, (which may be to liberal for our city brethren), added to the tax, sums up a grand total of \$1,515,000 that the medical profession of North Carolina bears in excess of an honest ad valorem."—Ex.

### He Was Buried Alive.

As we are going to press on this issue of the Youth's Advocate, Willie Whiteside has just been taken up from his grave, which he dug himself, on Deaderick Street, in this city, and where he, after being hypnotized, was buried and remained about one week (from Friday to Thursday) under the influence of hypnotism. We have been informed that the young man has fully recovered, and that he feels no ill effects from the experiment. A full account of this experiment, together with the young man's picture, will be given in the next issue. Want of time prevents their appearance in this issue, but in our next we will devote several columns to the experiment above mentioned, and to the picture of the young man and to explanations and illustrations on the subject of hypnotism in its different stages, furnished to us by Prof. Williams, of this city, a professional hypnotist, and comments by others on the subject. After the readers have read this account and

the explanations of the Professor, they will be better able to draw their own conclusions on the subject of hypnotism.

Conspicuous loyalty to party seems to find very little reward at the hands of the dispensers of patronage. If a man is accustomed to take his Republicanism mixed or if it is of very recent date his chances are infinitely better than those of a life long Republican.—Hickory Press, Republican.

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