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WASHINGTON LETTER

From our Regular Correspondent.

The sugar trust is playing a shrewd tariff game to get what it wants while pretending to the contrary, and it is bound to win. The original Dingley schedule, which gives the trust an increase of four cents on each hundred pounds over what it now receives on ninety-six degrees sugar, in all the trust expected to get from the beginning. In the first Senate schedule, the increase was made nine cents and in the schedule which was last week adopted by the Senate, the increase was put at ten cents a hundred pounds. When the bill goes to conference, the House will insist upon its sugar schedule being adopted, with the chances in favor of succeeding. Then it will be announced with a great flourish of trumpets by Republicans that the sugar trust has been knocked out, while the members of the trust will chuckle over having got as much as they expected to get, besides having made a lot of money by speculating in sugar stock while the several schedules were pending. That's a game. Of course the trust would gladly take the ten cents a hundred increase given in the Senate schedule, or anything between that and the four cents of the House schedule that the House conferees can be persuaded to give, but it doesn't really expect to get more than four cents, which added to the thirty-seven cents it now gets, will give it forty-one cents a hundred. As its profits have been \$25,000,000 with thirty-seven cents, it will be seen that it is not playing for a small stake even to get the increase of four cents a hundred.

It will probably be the middle of July or later, before the country is allowed to learn officially what the McKinley Cuban policy is to be, as it is now stated that the new policy is to be inaugurated by negotiations to be opened by General Stewart L. Woodford, the new Minister to Spain, as soon as he arrives at Madrid, and he does not expect to start until after the first of July. Before he gets to Madrid, ex-Congressman Aldrich, of Ills., the gentleman who, notwithstanding the backing of Czar Reed has been turned down by Mr. McKinley in four or five instances will be nominated to succeed General Fitz Lee as Consul-General to Cuba. If there be any truth in current talk, Mr. McKinley's policy will be more popular in Spain than in Cuba.

There was some talk of a caucus of Democratic Senators to adopt a resolution to oppose the ratification of the treaty for the annexation of Hawaii, but so many Democratic Senators have said that they would not be bound by a caucus, because they intend voting for the treaty, that the idea has been abandoned. There will be less Democratic opposi-

tion to the treaty when the Senators have had an opportunity to learn the sentiment of their constituents.

The Democrats won a tariff victory, although it will probably only be temporary, when Senator Vest's amendment putting straw matting, plain jute fabrics, burlaps and cotton bagging on the free list, was adopted.

Senator Morgan continues to take an occasional shot at Czar Reed's idlers. His latest was a pointed reference to a "legislative body that used to sit at the National Capitol, about two hundred feet from us." He added that the members of this body were now men of leisure, meeting only twice a week, in accordance with a rule of their own adoption and in defiance of the Constitution.

Mr. F. Wolff, President of an Iron Shipbuilding Company, at Portland, Oregon, who is now in Washington, says of the political situation in his section: "If an election were held now for President, the whole Pacific slope would vote for Bryan over any man the Republicans could name. It was a hard struggle to hold Oregon in line last year, but to-day it would be impossible."

The Civil Service Commission is investigating charges preferred against Public Printer Palmer, who has been making removals of Democrats and in every case, giving their places to Republicans. Inasmuch as Palmer would not have dared to act without the consent of Mr. McKinley, at whose pleasure the Civil Service Commissioners hold their places, there is little probability that the investigation will amount to anything practical.

After the acquittal of the sugar trust kings by Washington Courts, nobody was surprised that the two newspaper correspondents who were under indictment for contempt, were also acquitted. In fact, the only surprising thing about the whole business was that Broker Chapman was convicted and compelled to serve even his easy sentence in jail. It is difficult for the lay mind to comprehend how he could be guilty and all the others innocent.

A man in Virginia, rode forty miles, to Fairfax Station, for the express purpose of getting Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and took home with him, a dozen bottles of the medicine. The druggist who retails the incident, adds: "Your remedy seems to be a general favorite wherever known." Its effects are indeed wonderful in all lung and throat troubles. Procure a bottle at M. B. Blackburn's.

Could Believe Him All Right.

The Wife—"Doctor, can you do anything for my husband?"

Doctor—"What seems to be the matter?"

"Worrying about money."

"Oh, I can relieve him of that all right."—Yonkers Statesman.

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France Wants Information.

About North Carolina and Its People and Natural Resources.

The following letter making inquiries concerning North Carolina and its resources, was yesterday received from France by the Governor and turned over to the Department of Agriculture to be properly answered:

33 Rue d'Amsterdam, Paris, June 8th, 1897. To His Excellency the Governor of North Carolina, U. S. A.:

Excellency—Some friends and myself have lately organized in Paris a Commercial and Industrial League in order to unite more closely America and France.

To accomplish this we have concluded that two or three of our society must go personally and study there—on the place itself—what will be the most advantageous to be undertaken specially in the south of the United States.

Will you have the kindness to send us as soon as possible all which has been officially published by your State on its history, on its agricultural, mineral resources and regarding its timber, etc. etc. together with maps giving as much as possible all details—railroads, rivers, mountains, etc.

It is necessary to have all these informations before starting on the trip, in order to conclude this profitably.

We would also be grateful to you if you would suggest us which might be the new industries introduced into your State.

Will you kindly favor us with a reply at your earliest convenience, and oblige, Yours respectfully,

LE COMTE DE CREMONT.

In answer to the above a lot of printed matter will be sent, including the book recently published by the department—"North Carolina and Its Resources." This alone will make such a showing of the State as no one need be ashamed of and one that may result in bringing to this State a colony from France.—Ex.

The Wisconsin Index makes the following pertinent remarks as to things that are not: "McKinley is elected; Bryan is not. Confidence has been restored; prosperity has not. The capitalists are banqueting; the common people are not. The idle are satisfied; the struggling masses are not. The population is increasing; the volume of money is not. The number of empty mouths is increasing; the ability to fill them is not." The State adds that the friends of free silver are willing to meet prosperity, who will start the "ball rolling;" the goldbugs and Republicans are not. The people everywhere are trying to "get into the push;" the representatives of the monopolies and trusts are not. The producers are trying to recover from their losses; the money speculators are not."—Ex.

The death of Mr. Christian K. Ross (the father of Charley Ross, who was kidnapped from his home in Germantown on July 1, 1874,) will recall memories of a most pathetic tragedy, which, though enacted nearly ¼ century ago, is still familiar as an oft-told tale in every household in the country. Nor is it strange that this is so, for no deed of crime ever roused so widespread a sense of horror and of indignation in this country; and though human law was powerless to run down the criminals, there was universal relief when a vengeance which seemed nothing less than Providential smote them dead, like wild beasts on the highway, before the year was out. In all probability the final chapter of the Ross mystery has been written; but the country will pause in sympathy beside the grave of one who was a faithful public servant as well as a sorely bereft father, and will recall to his lasting honor the heroism with which he made his long struggle to regain his child—a hopeless struggle as it proved, yet not altogether a futile one, inasmuch as it served to keep alive a sentiment which has ever since preserved the country from a repetition of the hideous crime.—Philadelphia Record.

An Unfit Treasurer.

According to the New York Evening Post, Mr. Ellis H. Roberts who has been appointed Treasurer of the United States, is the sort of defaulter that North Carolina Republicans love to honor. It says that when Harrison appointed Roberts assistant treasurer he "almost immediately began to solicit loans of money from the leading banks, offering a kind of security which they would never have looked upon a second time if he had not held the office which he did hold. These borrowings were frequent and amounted to about \$50,000 in the aggregate. The loans were not paid. They were compromised after Robert's retirement from office at 25 cents or some other fraction of a dollar."

The Post concludes its recital with the comment: "These facts were known to President McKinley." If the Post is right, Mr. McKinley's weakness and subserviency to Hannaites and trusts are not the only things that show his unfitness for the high office which Hanna bought for him last November.—News and Observer.

The Providence, R. I., Dispatch says that John D. Rockefeller was on the point of giving a million dollars of his ill-gotten gains to Brown University last year when President Andrews came out for free silver. Some of the trustees say that President Andrews, who is on a trip to Europe, will never return to Brown. If so, some man like Rockefeller may give it a pile of trust money, but it will lose its character.

She Must Have Been Very Bad.

In this day of slang and slipshod English, says Youth's Companion, it is quite refreshing to find one home in which our mother tongue is appreciated, and sins against its purity duly resented.

That there is at least one such was made evident in a quarrel which took place in a literary household between the two youngest inmates; a quarrel, like most childish differences, soon over, but fierce while it lasted.

When his wrath had reached its height the small son of the house, quivering with anger, sought for language to denounce his sister, who had been the aggressor.

"You bad," he burst forth stamping a stubby shoe. "You bad, you bad—" words failed him. Then with a flash of truly literary inspiration he concluded: "You bad grammar, you!"

Low Prices in the West.

Writing from Des Moines, Iowa, to the Atlanta Journal, Sam Jones says:

"Agricultural products of all kinds are marvelously cheap. Some of the farmers have thousands of bushels of corn, which they have held cribbed for two years, and the market to-day is about 13 to 15 cents per bushel. Their oat graneries are full and are selling at about ten cents. Their meadows yield the finest Timothy hay. It stands in the field almost as high as a man's head, 2 to 2½ tons per acre, and retails on the streets of Des Moines at 25 cents a hundred."

Sam is a gold-bug. He will learn if he keeps his eyes open in the West that the farmers are getting tired of a policy that beats down the price of all they have to sell.

What Pleases a Woman.

It pleases her to be called a sensible little woman.

It pleases her to be called a well-dressed woman.

It pleases her to be told that she is fascinating.

It pleases her to be told that she improves a man by her companionship.

It pleases her to depend on some man and pretend she is ruling him.

It pleases her to be treated courteously and with respect, and to be talked to reasonably.

It pleases her to be treated sensibly and honestly, to be consulted and questioned and not to be treated as a butterfly, with no head or heart.

It pleases her to be loved and admired by a man who is strong enough to rule and subdue her and make his way her way, to lead her and take care of her.—Answers.

The Louisville Post, goldite predicts that Seth Low will be elected President of the United States in 1900 by "a regenerated reunited Democracy." This prediction is on a par with the prediction last October that Palmer and Buckner would carry Kentucky.

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