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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

"Wabbling William" is the rather uncomplimentary name that has been applied to Mr. McKinley by prominent members of his party, because of his lightning changes of mind in connection with that special message to Congress asking authority to appoint a currency commission. One day he would tell the prominent members of his party who called to protest against his sending in his message at this session and he made up his mind to withhold it until the regular session and make the recommendation in his annual message, but the next day, when the agents of the banking interests put the screws to him and reminded him of his campaign promises and their campaign contributions, he would announce to them that the message should go in. He kept this up for several days, much to the disgust of those who applied the epithet of "wabbling William" to him and did not finally decide the matter until Secretary Gage, the personal representative of the bankers, had secured the assistance of the rest of the Cabinet to help brace his backbone up. The authority to appoint a currency commission will not be given to Mr. McKinley at this session of Congress, nor at the next. It is possible that a bill creating such a commission may be passed at the next session, but it will not give Mr. McKinley the choosing of its members. If there is to be such a commission, the silver Democrats will see to it that it shall not be packed in the interest of the single gold standard.

Mr. C. E. Somers, who was Sergeant-at-Arms of the Kentucky Senate at the time that Governor Bradley ordered out the militia to preserve order, and who is conceded to be good authority on the politics of his State, is now visiting Washington. In reply to questions, he said: "The silver Democracy, which is the regular Democracy, will win by 25,000 majority. Our majority may be much higher for the Democrats are determined to administer a stern rebuke to their enemies within the party as well as without. The present state administration has been a rank failure, and the voters will take advantage of the coming election to give it a Fitzsimmons blow. By 1900 there won't be left enough of single gold standard Democracy in Kentucky to utilize as a historical reminiscence."

The Republican Senators and Representatives have succeeded in convincing Mr. McKinley that something must be done for their office-seeking constituents, and he has promised to shortly issue an executive order removing a number of desirable Federal positions from the control of the civil service rules. Mr. McKinley was

not hard to convince, as he has been as anxious as anybody to let down the bars to the officers, but, having always posed as a civil service reformer, he wanted Congress to order him to act. There are reasons—substantial, too—why Congress has not done so, and is not likely to do so; hence his agreement to act independently.

The death of Senator Harris, of Tenn., whose funeral took place in the Senate Chamber on Saturday, removed a striking figure from the arena of National politics, one whose ideas of personal integrity were as old-fashioned and straight-laced as his ideas of party fealty, and who didn't have one set of ideas for public use and another set to govern his private actions. During his half century of public life, Isham G. Harris was a credit to his State and to the Democratic party, and was never guilty of an act that even his most bitter enemies could cast suspicion upon. Having said that much, it is needless to add that Senator Harris died a poor man.

The Democratic Senators and Representatives, who are members of the Conference committee on the tariff bill, know no more of what that committee is doing than the rankest outsider does. The Republicans informed them as soon as the Conference began that they wished to fight their differences out among themselves without having anybody present, and, of course, the Democrats retired and will remain out of the conference until sent for. The Republicans evidently regard Jones, of Nevada, as one of themselves, as he not only was asked to retire, but is taking a very prominent part in the conference as an able assistant to Senator Aldrich in championing the interests of the sugar trust. It is said the Republicans expect to reach an agreement by the middle of the week. If they do, the tariff bill will become a law before the end of the week and Congress will at once adjourn.

Congressman Cook, of Illinois, was found dead in his room at the Cochran Hotel in Washington Thursday morning. He died from heart clot.

Hon. C. B. Bush, president of the Gilmer County (W. Va.) Court, says that he has had three cases of flux in his family, during the past summer, which he cured in less than a week with Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Mr. Bush also states, that in some instances there were twenty hemorrhages a day.—Glennville, W. Va., Pathfinder. This remedy has been used in nine epidemics of flux and one of cholera, with perfect success. It can always be depended upon for bowel complaint, even in its most severe forms. Every family should keep it at hand. The 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by M. B. Blackburn.

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## Facts About North Carolina.

From many sources the following interesting facts about North Carolina have been gathered. It will be well to keep these for reference:

- Number of counties, 96.
- State area, 52,286 square miles.
- Extreme length is 503 1/2 miles.
- Extreme breadth is 187 1/2 miles.
- Number of electoral votes 11.
- Length of coast line is 414 miles.
- Land surface, 48,566 square miles.
- Water surface, 3,620 square miles.
- Area Dismal Swamp, 150,000 acres.
- Number of miles of railroad 3,579.
- Indian population (census of 1890) 1,571.
- Inland steamboat navigation, 900 miles.
- Total population (census of 1890) 1,617,947.
- Average mean annual rainfall, 52 inches.
- White population (census 1890) 1,049,191
- Colored population (census 1890) 567,170.
- Total water power, 3,500,000 horse power.
- Western boundary—longitude 81 degrees, 42 minutes, 20 seconds.
- Average winter temperature, 43 degrees Fahrenheit.
- The highest point is Mitchell's Peak 6,888 feet.
- Average area of counties is 507 square miles.
- Number of varieties of minerals discovered 180.
- Average summer temperature, 75 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Average elevation of State above sea level is 640 feet.

## A True Gentleman.

Church and Home.

"I beg your pardon!" and, with a smile and a touch of his hat, Harry Edmond handed to an old man, against whom he had accidentally stumbled, the cane which he had knocked from his hand. "I hope I did not hurt you? We were playing too roughly."

"Not a bit, said the old man, "Boys will be boys, and it's best they should be. You didn't harm me."

"I'm glad to hear it," and lifting his hat again, Harry turned to join the play mates with whom he had been frolicking at the same time of the accident.

"What do you raise your hat to that old fellow for?" asked his companion, Charhe Gray. "He is only Old Giles, the huckster."

"That makes no difference," said Harry. "The question is not whether he is a gentleman, but whether I am one; and no true gentleman will be less polite to a man because he wears a shabby coat or hawks vegetables through the streets instead of sitting in a counting house."

Which was right?—The Helping Hand.

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## Democrats Not Responsible.

The Winston Republican and the Progressive Farmer seek to evade responsibility for the passage of the odious machinery act by saying that Democrats as well as Republicans and Populists, voted for it. Mr. J. A. Hartness, editor of the Statesville Mascot, who was a member of the House from Iredell, gives the facts as follows, in answer to the publications alluded to above:

"As to the second proposition, both the members from Iredell and Mr. Watts, of Alexander, together with all other Democrats in the House, with one exception, voted against this measure, as can be seen by the recorded yea and nay vote in the House journal, page 930, now in the Mascot office. It cannot be said that there was not a thorough understanding, on the part of the majority members of the House, of the import of sections 52 and 53, which makes non-payment of taxes indictable; for, while the House was considering the revenue act, the matter was discussed and section 52 was stricken out, but reinstated on another reading by the vote of the majority element of the House. The bill was then put upon its third and final reading and passed, though every Democrat present, with one exception, voted against it. The vote was: Yeas 64, nays 27. So that the Democrats are not responsible for the hardships which this law will impose upon the people. They did their duty. There should have been more of them."

It is given out that Secretary Gage, of the United States Treasury Department is preparing a new financial measure to submit to Congress next winter. He has written two hundred letters to leading bankers and merchants, asking suggestions for putting the currency on a sound basis. He also had a conference with ex-Secretary Carlisle. Prominent features of the proposed plan are the gradual retiring of greenbacks and the substitution of National Bank Notes; the empowering of National Banks to issue notes to the full limit instead of ninety per cent; a reduction on the tax on National Banks from one per cent. to one-fourth of one per cent.; limiting the denominational bank notes and other paper money to ten dollars, and the substitution for silver for all below. It is also probable that there will be a provision for branch banks. The suggestion is made that State and municipal bonds might be issued as a basis of circulation, not exceeding fifty per cent. of their value. Already the Secretary has commenced the withdrawal of greenbacks under the provisions of the present law, and the paper money is greatly increased in the treasury, six million dollars being in hand on June the first.—Recorder.

## For Postmaster at Shelby.

Dr. Junius Brutus Fortune is mad. He said today: "I have heard that Dr. John McBrayer has been endorsed by Congressman Linney for postmaster at Shelby. This is a great mistake being made. He is the most universally hated man in Cleveland county. He has no following in the Republican party of the county. If left to the people of Shelby to vote for McBrayer for postmaster or a good negro, the negro would get two votes to McBrayer's one, and Shelby is the last place in the State which wants a negro postmaster. Nine out of ten Democrats in Shelby are opposed to McBrayer's appointment. It is the best thing politically that ever happened to them. This appointment will give them Cleveland county at the next election by 1,000 majority. Say for me that if Linney had the power to make an appointment like this in every county the State would go Democratic by 100,000 majority. Say further that if the Republicans of Shelby had to vote as to whether McBrayer should go in or at present postmaster remain in, the latter would be a sure winner."—Charlotte Observer.

## Dispensary Shortage in South Carolina.

Shortage amounting to \$15,000 of moneys due by dispensers to the State, was brought to light by the dispensary board of control today. The books are in such a state that no report can be made of the shortages, but it is probable that the total sum will be much larger. For the period between March 28, 1895, and November 30, 1896, the shortage is \$12,170.82. Examination reveals the fact that the bonds given by the dispensers who have fallen behind are in each case worthless, and that no steps have ever been taken to punish any of the offenders. The showing has created a sensation.—Columbia, S. C., Dispatch.

## The Costs of the Election.

The Attorney General was today asked by the State Superintendent of public instruction whether the expense of holding the election on the question of local taxation in aid of public schools shall be paid out of the school fund or the county fund. From what officials say it will be a very costly election; in other words will cost as much as a regular general election. The legislature made provision for the pay of registrars and poll holders. The clerk to the State superintendent expresses the belief that the election will cost at least \$50,000; perhaps more than the amount which will be voted for schools.—Charlotte Observer.

Ki Gudger is in Washington on the still hunt for something "equally as good." Mexico, Greece, Shanghai, Vancovers—all held by North Carolinians—have gone to other States, and North Carolina hasn't "tuck a trick" yet.—N. & O.

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By virtue of a decree made by the Superior Court of Watauga county in a special procedure entitled, W. L. Horton and others ex parte, I will, as commissioner, sell at the court house door in the town of Boone, on Thursday the 12th day of Aug., 1897, two tracts of land containing respectively 100 and 75 acres, situated near Elk Knob, in North Fork township, being the lands formerly owned by Wm. Horton, embracing the old Nathan Horton and Wm. Miller Sugar Camps. These lands are rich, agricultural and mineral lands. Terms of sale; five per cent cash and balance in six months with interest on deferred payments. This July 7, 1897.

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