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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Boss Hanna has all the proverbial thrift of the very rich men. He knows the art of making others pay for what he wants for himself, and he is utilizing it in the Ohio campaign. Although there are no national issues in the Ohio campaign the Republican National Committee is taking an active part in it and is putting up money liberally to help Hanna get that coveted election to the Senate. To all intents and purposes, Boss Hanna and his man Dick, who are the managers of the Republican campaign in Ohio, control the Republican National Committee and the surplus it had left in its treasury from the big contributions to the McKinley fund, and fears are expressed on the part of Republicans from other states, who had hoped to finger some of that surplus in the Congressional campaign next year, that it will all be spent in Ohio this year, and some of them do not hesitate to say that Hanna ought to use his own money in his efforts to buy his return to the Senate. Boss Hanna is also making the Government of the United States assist him to the extent of many thousands of dollars, by carrying through the mails free, under Congressional frank, a bulky volume, printed at the Government Printing Office in the form of the Congressional Record and containing speeches and compilations from public documents. This volume as it first appeared, contained extracts from newspapers and was therefore not frankable. The revised edition, now being sent out, has left out the newspaper extracts.

A new Republican candidate for Senator Gorman's seat has added to Republican confusion in Maryland, and to the growing belief in the certainty that the legislature will be carried by the Democrats. Postmaster General Gary is the new candidate, although the announcement of his candidacy was prematurely made. He has got the Senatorial itch very bad, and had hoped by the aid of Postmasters and other followers to have had a thoroughly organized machine in every county of the State before allowing it to become public that he was a candidate, but somebody leaked. He refuses now to confirm, deny or in any way discuss the matter. He probably wants to find out "where he is at" before committing himself.

Although Attorney General McKenna was indignantly emphatic in declaring that he did not intend to consult with Mr. McKinley about the opinion he is to give as to the proper construction to be placed upon the clause of the tariff imposing discriminating duties, he did that very thing. And he did not even have the satisfaction of waiting until Mr. McKinley came

back to Washington to consult with him, but was ordered up to Somerset, Pa., where Mr. McKinley was to talk the matter over. The opinion is still held back, and it will be discussed at the Cabinet meeting which Mr. McKinley has called. It is probable also that the Cabinet will discuss the verbal report made by Consul General Fitz Lee, who is in Washington, on Cuban affairs. It is understood that after this Cabinet meeting, Mr. McKinley will go away again to remain a couple of weeks.

In the opinion of the silver men, now in Washington, the action of the Bank of England in deciding to hold one-fifth of its reserve in silver, will not prove any direct benefit to silver, but they believe it will help silver indirectly by increasing public interest in Europe in the principle of bimetallism. They think that the action on the part of the Bank of England was taken more to conciliate the growing silver sentiment in Great Britain than as a result of the visit of the bimetallic commission to England and its conferences with representatives of the Government of Great Britain. Some of the silver men regard the whole business as nothing more than a trick on the part of the gold standard financiers of England to make the silver men there and over here believe that they are gradually coming around to bimetallism of their own accord, in preference to waiting until they are compelled to do so. These gentlemen are firmly of the opinion that England will never willingly adopt bimetallism, and that the only way to get her to do so is to force it, and the way to force it is for the United States to adopt bimetallism independently or in conjunction with as many European Governments as may desire to join the move.

Ages of Animals.

According to some naturalists the length of life of animals is as follows:

- The rabbit lives from six to seven years.
- The squirrel from seven to eight years.
- The fox from fourteen to fifteen years.
- The cat from fifteen to seventeen years.
- The dog from sixteen to eighteen years.
- The bear and wolf, eighteen to twenty years.
- The rhinoceros from twenty to twenty-two years.
- The horse from twenty-two to twenty-five years.
- The hen from twenty-five to twenty-eight years.
- The porpoise from twenty-eight to thirty years.
- The camel and crow one hundred years.
- The tortoise one hundred and ten years.
- The eagle one hundred and twenty years.
- The elephant four hundred years.
- The whale one thousand years.

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New Facts Every Day.

Newton Entreprise. New facts are brought to light almost every day that prove conclusively that our State is in the hands of plunderers and pillagers. Appropriations were made during the session of the last Legislature that can not be met. The State is being plunged in debt at the rate of \$13,000 every month by the penitentiary management. Every fortnight or two the State pays out several hundred and sometimes thousands of dollars for expert legal advice in some unavoidable litigation, brought about by unprecedented laws, enacted by bought, or ignorant law makers. It is said that in the railroad injunction case, which is fresh in the minds of our people, that the State employed three lawyers at a fee of \$750.00 each and one at a fee of \$200.00 to appear in this case. These lawyers done the work that should have been done by the Attorney General. It is but fair here to say that our so-called Attorney General is nothing but a bump on a log,—that he is totally incompetent, and unfit to be classed higher than a fifth rate cross road lawyer, and that his opinions are received by lawyers as ludicrous jokes. It is true that he is not competent to represent the great State of North Carolina in any matter where legal knowledge is considered, and unless the State does pay some lawyer with ability to represent her interests they go unrepresented. What a pitiable plight we are in. Paying this bump on a log the salary of an Attorney General and receiving for it the services of a fifth rate cross road lawyer. These same people have created new offices for favorite henchmen, and raised the salary of almost every employe in the different institutions of the State. Nothing of great interest is agitated but what there is a job at the back of it. We have heard the days of '68 and '9 quoted on many occasions and referred to as something terrible, but if they were worse than they are to-day it is no wonder that Zeb Vance and his coadjutors arose above the situation and bound the monster for a season. But this same monster is at liberty again to-day and must be bound.

North Carolina is afflicted with her share of religious nostrums, as well as political, just now. The Mormons and Faithurists and Sanctificationists seem to find in our people a more or less fertile soil. These things can not be helped perhaps, but they are none the less harmful for all that. In the inevitable reaction from these extreme and irrational views the cause of genuine religion necessarily suffers to a certain extent.—Greensboro Telegram.

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Goldbug Intolerance.

The Asheville Citizen shows up the intolerance of the gold standard propagandists a little better than it has ever been done before in the following short editorial:

"It is reported that the Bank of England, said everywhere till recently, to be the strongest financial institution in the world, will hereafter hold one-fifth of its bank note reserve in silver. It may easily be doubted that this report is anything more than an attempt to provoke an expression of opinion; but the effect the publication has had in some quarters borders on the comic. One gold organ, for instance, says:

"The announcement causes some uneasiness due chiefly to the fact that the Bank of England management for the last few years has not enjoyed that unreserved confidence which formerly made it a synonym for financial stability. It would be using too strong an expression to say that the bank was regarded with suspicion. . . . but it is true, nevertheless, that the directors of the Bank of England do not possess a reputation embodying the best financial judgement. Certain incidents of the Bank's management within three or four years have detracted from the respect formerly felt for the directors and officers."

"There you are! The Bank of England may, only may, show an atom of respect for silver, but if there is but a report to that effect, the fact that it stands at the head of all similar institutions of its kind in the world, shall not save its conductors from covert slander, base insinuation and open attempts to discredit its management. "Was there ever before so intolerant a propaganda as that back of the gold standard?"

Don't Use Big Words.

In promulgating your esoteric cogitations, and in articulating your superficial sentimentalities, a micable, philosophical or psychological observations, beware of plitudinous ponderosity. Let your conversational communications possess a clarified conciseness, a compacted comprehensibility, a coalescent consistency, and a concatenating cogency. Eschew all conglomerations of flatulent garrulity, jejune bobbles, and asinine affectations. Let your extemporaneous descanting and unpremeditated expatiations have intelligibility and veracious vivacity without rhodomontade or thrasomical bombast. Sedulously avoid all polysyllabic profundity, pompous prolixity, psittacous vacuity, ventriloquial verbosity, and grandiloquent vapidity. Shun double entendres, prurient jocosity, and pestiferous profanity, obscure and apparent. In other words talk plainly, briefly, naturally, sensibly, purely and truthfully. Keep from slang; don't put on airs; say what you mean; mean what you say, and don't use big words.—Ex.

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Dollar Wheat Will Help Bi-Metallism.

The New York World is always to the front. The rise in the price of wheat has so delighted the opponents of the free coinage of silver that they are preaching its funeral from every gold pulpit in the land. The World has done some preaching of this kind itself, but it is too great a newspaper to shut itself up to the sentiment that controls Manhattan. Two weeks ago it printed an article from the pen of Hon. Richard P. Bland, which rather stunned those superficial folks who thought temporary dollar wheat would kill silver. That was the sort of newspaper enterprise that makes the World a great paper.

In Sunday's New York World, there appears, written "exclusively for the World" an article by Hon. William Jennings Bryan on the same subject, which article the World has happily illustrated. It is a plain, strong and unanswerable statement of conditions as they actually exist, and in publishing Mr. Bryan's letter, the World, truly says is "from the unquestioned leadership of a great party," and that it is "a message of the highest importance."

New York World: The fact of Mr. Bryan's undisputed leadership of the Democratic party and of the party's adherence to the Chicago platform cannot be blinked even in New York.

If the Democratic conventions in other States had followed the example wisely set by Senator Gorman in Maryland in ignoring the aberration at Chicago last year, the same course would have been natural and easy here. But in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Iowa, Nebraska, and every other State where conventions have been held the Democrats shouted for Bryan and 16 to 1. National and State committeemen from all quarters of the Union, in response to inquiry by the World, reaffirmed their allegiance to Bryan and his platform.

Maj. Wilson Hot.

Maj. J. W. Wilson, of Morganton, was in the city last night on his way to Raleigh "just keep the nest warm." the Maj. stated.

"Do you propose to continue holding up your end of the line against Russell?" a World reporter asked Major Wilson.

"I will fight him to the bitter end," he replied. "If it is necessary I will take the matter into the courts. I expect in a few days to hear that the Governor has deposed both S. Otho Wilson and myself. But there will be some difference in ordering me out and getting me out." Maj. Wilson is red hot and there is no mistaking the fact that there is a hot time ahead.—Salisbury World.

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