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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Senator Jones, of Arkansas, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, arrived in Washington in a decidedly jubilant state of mind over the results of last week's election. He said on the subject: "Well, you bet I'm tickled. It makes me feel 25 years younger and makes me understand that the American people have not been bought or blinded this time. The results are an omen of coming and greater good. It just takes opposition and sorrow to develop the full strength of the democratic party. This result convinces me that the silver sentiment grows, grows and grows, and that by the next Presidential election, it will have grown to an irresistible strength. Just mark my words. Error dies from a pin scratch, but truth survives the cyclone. The democratic party is Truth. When it comes to a long race and a hard race, the democratic party gets there. I am very sorry because of the turn matters have taken in old Maryland, but hope for her is not dead in my bosom yet. Of course it would have been more desirable had Mark Hanna been inhumed under an avalanche of democratic votes, but when a great man saves his scalp only by the skin of his teeth, it is virtually a defeat.

One of the most interesting stories growing out of the Ohio election is now being told on the quiet in Washington, and it finds believers, too. According to this story, Secretary Sherman has been approached by Foraker republicans and offered an opportunity to get even with Boss Hanna and Mr. McKinley for the shabby treatment they have given him, not only by preventing Hanna's election to the Senate, but by securing his own return to that body. Mr. Sherman is too old a bird to gobble up everything tempting that is placed before him, but he is said to have this proposition under consideration and to be making a quiet investigation, through trusted agents, as to the probability of success should he consent to enter the anti-Hanna combine. The scheme in brief is for the Foraker members of the Ohio legislature to stay out of the republican caucus, which will, of course, nominate Hanna for Senate, and to nominate Gov. Bushnell or some other thick and thin Foraker man as the anti-caucus candidate. The Forakerites claim to have members enough to bring about and keep up for an indefinite period, a deadlock in the legislature, and they argue that after Hanna sees his own election to be an impossibility, he will be willing to join Bushnell in withdrawing and in agreeing upon a compromise candidate who can get the entire republican vote and be elected. That is where the Forakerites tell Mr. Sherman that he can come in. They say that they will suggest him as a compromise candidate for the Senate, and that much as they would like to neither Boss Hanna nor Mr. McKinley will dare to object. There are too many "ifs" in this scheme, but it indicates how harmonious the Ohio republicans are.

Consul General Lee has received his final instructions and will this week return to Cuba. He is as careful as ever about discussing Cuban matters, but there are good reasons for saying that he is confident that there will be peace in Cuba in a few months. It was because of this belief on his part that he agreed, when urgently requested to do so by Mr. McKinley, to remain in Cuba until the trouble was over.

The army of pensioners still steadily grows in numbers, notwithstanding the assertion of several Commissioners of Pensions that it had reached high water mark and was about to start on the down grade. The annual report of Commissioner Evans shows that there were 5,336 more names on the rolls on June 30, 1897, than there were one year before, notwithstanding the dropping, during the fiscal year for death and other causes of 41,122 names. There were 976,014 on the roll at the close of the last fiscal year, and, unless, death claims an unusually large number, it is probable that the million mark will be passed before the close of the present fiscal year.

From all directions come complaints about the tremendous rise in the price of almost everything, excepting the only article that more than half of our people have to sell—their labor. An expert says of the effect of the Dingley tariff upon the price of men's clothes: "A suit of clothes that could be bought last year for \$15.00 cannot be duplicated now under \$20.00 and that fact is an annoyance to dealers and customers alike. With men of ample means, who have their clothes made by fashionable tailors \$5.00 or \$10.00 advance on a suit is hardly noticed, and it noticed evokes no complaint. It is very different, however, with those who have to be careful in their expenditures, for to this class \$5.00 represent a considerable sum. The number of men who buy \$15.00 or \$20.00 suits is largely in excess of those who pay tailors \$40.00 and \$50.00 for a suit, and it is from the poor and the middle class that the kick against the Dingley tariff is sure to come."

Asheville Citizen: Mayor Elect Van Wyck's campaign expenses are put down at \$1,588. As his term is four years and his salary \$15,000 per annum, the investment appears to be a paying one. And he didn't make a speech!

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## Why People Don't Go to Church.

Christian World.

Burjette hits many a nail on the head. How like human excuses are the following:

"So you are not going to church this morning, my son?"

"Ah, yes! I see. 'The music is not good; that's a pity. That's what you go to church for, to hear the music. And the less we pay the better music we demand.'"

"And the pews are not comfortable.' That's too bad—the Sabbath is a day of rest, and we ought to go to church for repose. The less we do through the week the more rest we clamor for on the Sabbath."

"The church is so far away; it is too far to walk, and you detest riding on a street car, and they're always crowded on the Sabbath.' This is, indeed, distressing; sometimes I think home much farther away heaven is than the church, and that there are no conveniences on the road of any description, I wonder how some of us are going to get there."

"And the sermon is so long; always.' All these things are, indeed, to be regretted. I would regret them more sincerely, my boy, did I not know that you will often squeeze into a stuffed street car, with a hundred other men, breathing an incense of whiskey, beer and tobacco, hang on a strap by your eyelids for two miles, and then pay fifty cents for the privilege of sitting on a rough plank in the broiling sun for two hours longer, while in the intervals of the game a scratch band will blow discordant thunder out of a dozen misfit horns right into your ears, and come home to talk the rest of the family into a state of aural paralysis about the 'dandiest game you ever saw played on that ground.'"

"Ah, my boy! You see what staying away from church does. It develops a habit of lying. There isn't one man in a hundred who could go on the witness stand and give, under oath, the same reasons for not going to church that he gives his family every Sabbath morning. My son, if you didn't think you ought to go you wouldn't make any excuses for not going. No man apologizes for doing right."

"Yes, too hot to go to church," was the decided exclamation of Mrs. Doolittle, the other Sabbath. Oh, but she went up town on Monday to attend a fire sale of goods and, indeed, the crowd was so great and the weather so hot that several ladies well-nigh died before they could get relief but Mrs. Doolittle, crowded in and stood for two hours, waiting to get a chance to buy two smoked up, soiled handkerchiefs at five cents apiece which formerly were sold for fifteen cents, and, indeed, she came home and made three calls among her neighbors to tell them how cheap things are selling up at the fire sale.

## ATTENTION, REPUBLICANS.

Omaha World-Herald.

Republicans, the last Republican platform pledged the party to endeavor to secure international bimetalism. That plank was a condemnation of 'the gold standard. To promise to rid the nation of the gold standard is a confession that it is bad. President McKinley asked Congress for authority to appoint a commission to visit Europe and ask the leading nations of the old world to help the United States to let go of a gold standard. The commission went to France, and France consented to bimetalism, thereby declaring the gold standard to have been injurious to France. The commission went to Germany and found Germany disposed to wait on England. The commission went to England and remained there for three months, hoping for aid. When the government and the Bank of England intimated that England might be willing to make some slight concessions, the bankers of London met in secret session on Sept. 22, and protested. Now the English government has bowed to the will of the London bankers and refused to lead any assistance.

Republicans, your party turned over the control of our finances to Europe, Europe turned the matter over to England, England turned the matter over to the London bankers, and the London bankers declared against bimetalism and pledged themselves to secrecy.

Republicans, are you willing to allow the London bankers to meet in secret and determine the financial policy of the American people?

Republicans, are you willing to allow the London bankers to meet in secret and control the destinies of the American people?

Republicans, are you willing to allow the London bankers to meet in secret and determine the conditions which shall surround your children?

Republicans, are you not ready to join those who favor the immediate restoration of the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1 without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation?

It often happens that the doctor is out of town when he is most needed. The two year old daughter of J. Y. Schenck, of Caddo Ind. Territory, was threatened with croup. He writes: "My wife insisted that I go for the doctor at once, but as he was out of town, I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which relieved the child immediately." A bottle of that remedy in the house will often save the expense of a doctor's bill, besides the anxiety always occasioned by serious sickness. When it is given as soon as the croupy cough appears, it will prevent the attack. Thousands of mothers always keep it in their homes. The 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by M. B. Blackburn.

## A Grandmother's Rules.

Somebody's grandmother has bequeathed to her descendants these admirable rules of conduct:

One is: Always look at the person to whom you speak. When you are addressed, look straight at the person who speaks to you. Do not forget this.

Another: Speak your words plainly do not mumble nor mumble. If words are worth saying, they are worth pronouncing distinctly and clearly. A fourth: Think three times before you speak once.

Have you something to do that you find hard and would prefer not to do? Then listen to wise old grandmother. Do the hard things first and get them over with. If you have done wrong, go and confess it. If your lesson is tough master it. If the garden is to be weeded, weed it first and play afterward. Do first the thing you don't like to do, and then, with a clear conscience, try the rest.—Biblical Recorder.

## INTOXICATION NO EXCUSE.

Not long ago a judge in one of the western communities held that when a man deliberately filled himself with liquor until he lost control of himself he was legally responsible for whatever he did while he was intoxicated. We do not know whether this is good law or not, but it is good sense. Any other rule would make it too easy for criminals to escape punishment. A burglar might plead that he was intoxicated when he robbed a house, or a murderer might plead that he was mad from drink when he killed a man; but such an excuse would not restore the dead to life nor would it protect the community from a repetition of the crime. Intoxication may sometimes be an explanation, but it ought not to be considered a defense.—Brooklyn Eagle.

## RAN NO RISKS.

The boy hung back when the visitor spoke to him, and his mother was naturally annoyed.

"Won't you go to Mrs. Brown, Willie?" she asked.

"No," replied the boy, shortly.

"Don't you like me?" asked Mrs. Brown, good naturedly.

"No, I don't," answered the boy.

"Why, Willie!" exclaimed his mother, reproachfully.

"Well, I guess I got whipped for not telling the truth yesterday, and I ain't taking no chances to-day," protested the boy.—Chicago Post.

From the Lone Star State comes the following letter, written by W. F. Gass, editor of the Mt. Vernon, (Tex.) Herald: "I have used Chamberlain's colic, cholera and diarrhoea remedy in my family for the past year, and find it the best remedy for colic and diarrhoea that I have ever tried. Its effects are instantaneous and satisfactory, and I cheerfully recommend it, especially for cramp colic and diarrhoea. Indeed, we shall try and keep a bottle of it on our medicine shelf as long as we keep house." For sale by M. B. Blackburn.

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