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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

"Teddy" Roosevelt may soon be out of a job, if he doesn't learn to bridle his tongue when talking in public upon subjects on which the administration's position is officially unannounced. He was given a hint of this when he returned from New York, where he made an after-dinner speech on the necessity of our having a fighting Navy, if we wished to escape the ridicule of the world, and having our declarations concerning the Monroe Doctrine treated as merely so much bluster. "Teddy" used Hawaii for a dummy in order to give the administration's alleged Cuban policy two or three heavy body blows, but the application was too plain to be overlooked. He has been warned not to do so again.

The administration is playing horse with the Canadian Premier, who, with a party of officials is in Washington, ostensibly to attend the sealing conference, but in reality to sound this government on the probability of negotiating a reciprocity treaty. The President has swapped "taffy" with the Premier and given him a dinner; Secretary Sherman has done the same, and he has been turned over to Mr. Kasson, Chief Cook of the Reciprocity Kitchen, to confer on the subject. He'll get all the conferences he wants, but when England really authorizes her ambassador, or some one else, to try to negotiate a treaty of commercial reciprocity which shall embrace Canadian products, it will be found that so far as Canada's principal products are concerned, it will be an impossibility. The Canadian Premier doesn't seem to know that in a number of states, one of the main arguments used in the last National Campaign for republican success, was that it would shut out Canadian competition.

The Spanish Minister has begun his entertainment of public men on a scale which indicates that no matter how hard up Spain may be, it has no intention of reducing the amount of money spent in Washington in the attempt to make friends for Spain. The first blow-out of the Spanish Minister was an elegant dinner, at the swell Metropolitan Club, in honor of a Spanish editor. The Administration and the United States Supreme Court were well represented at this dinner, but either the wily Spaniard must have thought it needless to waste his expensive dinner on Congress, or the Congressmen asked must have sent regrets. Be that as it may, Senator Elkins was the only member of the legislative branch of the Government that attended the dinner.

The silk stocking element of the Maryland republicans, headed by Senator Wellington, are restraining every nerve in their efforts to make sure

that the Maryland legislature does not elect Representative Mudd to succeed Senator Gorman. These men probably know what they are doing, but their activity against Mudd who is considered in Washington as the weakest of all the aspirants to Senator Gorman's seat, reminds one of going after Reed birds with Gatling guns.

The Post Office Department has officially decided that the Interior Department was right when it disbarred John Wedderburn and John Wedderburn & Co., from practice before the Patent Office, for gross frauds upon glib clients, and has issued a fraud order against John Wedderburn, John Wedderburn & Co., and the National Recorder, a newspaper owned by them. This order shuts them out of the mails, and will cause all matter addressed to them to be returned to the writers, after being officially stamped "fraudulently." Newspapers which continue to print Wedderburn & Co's., advertisement after knowledge of this fraud order may also be shut out of the mails.

The general opinion among the most prominent democrats who have been in Washington since that republican fight upon the election of Boss Hanna, has appeared to grow to such large proportions, is that the democrats of Ohio should have nothing whatever to do with it. There is, of course, a bare possibility that enough republican members of the Ohio legislature would, if the democrats would help them, be willing to elect some other republican to the Senate than Hanna, but the most powerful microscope made would not show the smallest particle of advantage to the Ohio democrats in defeating Hanna and electing another republican to the Senate. As long as Ohio has got to have another republican Senator, Hanna is the best man, for the democrats, both in Ohio and elsewhere, that could be chosen. But even if it would be advantageous for the democrats to knock Hanna out and help to elect some other republican, it would not be advisable for the democrats in the Ohio legislature to become parties to a deal with the alleged anti-Hanna republican members of that body, for the simple reason that Hanna, with the aid of Mr. McKinley, will almost certainly be able, by the use of patronage and other methods, to get a sufficient number of republican votes to be elected. It is a fight between Hannaism and Forakerism, and no democrat should interfere.

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## Don't Kick or "Knock."

Cincinnati Times Star.

If your neighbor is prosperous let him prosper. Don't grunt growl or grumble. Say a good word for him and let it go at that. Don't be a knocker. Your turn will come. No one man is the whole show. If you see the town is moving along, feel good about it. Help things along. Shove a little. Push. Try and get some of the benefit yourself. Don't stand around like a churl old cadaver. Don't waste your time feeling sore because some other fellow has a little more sand and sense than you have. Do a little hustling yourself. Don't be a knocker. If you say a good word, say it like a prince. If you are full of bile and disposed to say something mean, keep your mouth shut. Don't be a knocker. No man ever made a cent knocking. No man ever got rich or happy minding every body's business but his own. No man ever helped himself up permanently by knocking his neighbors down. Give up a kind word, give it liberally. It won't cost you a cent, and you may want one yourself some day. You may have thousands to day, and next day without the price of a shave. So don't be a knocker. You can't afford it. It won't pay. There's nothing in it. If you want to throw something at somebody, throw cologne. Or roses. Don't throw brickbats. Or mud. Don't be a knocker. If you must kick, go around to the barn and take a good kick at yourself. For if you feel that way, you're the man that needs kicking. But whatever you do, don't be a knocker.

## The Plan of Autonomy.

Madrid, Nov. 17.—The Spanish Cabinet this evening discussed Cuban autonomy, the principal bases of which are the enjoyment of all the rights accorded by the Spanish constitution without curtailment whatever; the identity of political and civil rights for Spaniards and cubans without distinction of race or color, and the creation of a cuban chamber, the members of which are to be elected by popular vote. A cuban Senate is to be created later on.

The chamber is to empowered to vote the budget expenditure, make laws controlling services, establish customs tariffs and decide the relative responsibility of the executive officers.

The motherland will have exclusive control of international affairs, military and naval matters, and of the organization of the tribunals.

Spain also retains the direction of the political and civil laws of a national character, and retains control of the expenditures of the same character. The executive power will be vested in a governor general with deputies appointed by himself.

Both the governor general and his deputies will be responsible to the cuban chamber.

## The Cup and the Fountain.

A certain man placed a fountain by the wayside, and he hung a cup near to it by a little chain. He was told some time after, that a great art critic had found much fault with its design.

"But," said he, "do many thirsty persons drink at it?" Then they told him that thousands of poor men, women and children slake their thirst at this fountain; and he smiled and said that he was little troubled by the critic's observation, only he hoped that on some sultry summer's day the critic himself might fill the cup and be refreshed, and praise the name of the Lord. He is my fountain, and here is my cup; find fault with it if you please, but do drink of the water of life. I only care for this. I had rather bless the soul of the poorest crossing sweeper or rag gatherer, than please a prince of the blood, and fail to convert him to God.—C. H. Spurgeon.

## "CLINGMAN'S DOME."

The late General Clingman has the highest monument in North Carolina, although he died a pauper. The loftiest monument in the State is Clingman's Dome.

On the bald summit of Mt. Mitchell stands an iron monument over the grave of a man who lost his life in proving the inaccuracy of a statement similar to this of The Chronicle Professor Mitchell of the University of North Carolina, measured the altitude of the peak that bears his name and proved that it is the monarch of all the Appalachians and that Clingman's Dome, only a mile and a half distant, is not as high. The story of Mitchell's success and death and the discovery of his body by "Big Tom Wilson" is the most interesting story connected with the North Carolina mountains.—Greenville News.

## Three Axiomatic Truths.

We seldom find anything in the New York Sun to quote, but it is the brightest if the most vicious of newspapers. In a recent issue it contained three truthful paragraphs:

"The National Democratic party of so-called gold Democrats will soon lose even its name.

"A man must be a republican or a democrat; and a democrat is a Bryanite.

"Mugwumps, Cuckoos, stuffed prophets, unifying forces, and their like, take notice."

There are still a few men who voted for McKinley whose democracy is so "straight" as to think they can boss the party whose candidates they bolted, but they are growing less every day as cotton drops.

McKinleyism and five cent cotton are anonymous.—News and Observer.

The latest story from Klondike is that a man was caught out in a wind storm. The ground was dry and dusty. When the man got home he coughed up \$73.15 in gold dust.

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## Two Roads to Happiness.

There are two ways of being happy; we may either diminish our wants, or augment our means—either will do—the result is the same; and it is for each man to decide for himself and do that which happens to be the easier. If you are idle, or sick, or poor, however hard it may be to diminish your wants, it will be harder to augment your means. If you are active and prosperous, or young, or in good health, it may be easier for you to augment your means than to diminish your wants. But if you are wise, you will do both at the same time, young or old, rich or poor, sick or well; and if you are very wise, you will do both in such a way as to augment the general happiness of society.—Benjamin Franklin.

## Pointed Paragraphs.

A man with loose habits is the one that is oftenest tight est.

Fools try to convince a woman but wise men try to persuade her.

The laborer is not worthy of his hire when it is higher than his worth.

Talk is cheap and the barber always supplies it at cut rates.

Sound money is what the organ-grinder gets for moving on to the next block.

Threshing doesn't always separate a boy from his crop of wild oats.

Fine clothes do not make the woman, but they sometimes break the husband.

The man who is too poor to lend his friends money will never have many enemies.

Time works wonders. So would a man if he put in twenty-four hours a day, like time does.

## Give the People Facts.

But can North Carolina be redeemed? The Raleigh News and Observer is showing by publishing facts and figures every day that the fusion crowd is robbing the State and giving offices to incompetent negroes, thus opening the eyes of some 25,000 honest white men who were led off last year by Butler and his gang. The most of these voters are in the country, and are now waiting the opportunity to remedy the evil they unconsciously wrought. Give us in the country the condition of things as they exist, and old North Carolina will rally to the yell of its leaders when they cry out for the "white man and white metal" jointly.—Red Springs Citizen.

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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