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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

How much longer Congress can stand the strain which has been imposed upon it by the action, or rather non-action of the administration upon the destruction of the battleship Maine and the killing of 250 of its men, in Havana harbor, without an explosion, is problematical. Mr. McKinley has disappointed many of his supporters, and nothing but the unwritten law under which Congress has always supported the President in all questions of policy affecting a foreign nation has prevented an outbreak before this. Inasmuch as there are probably not 50 men in Congress who do not believe that the Maine was blown up intentionally, it is difficult to understand why Mr. McKinley and the Secretary of the Navy should so persistently assert their belief that the awful calamity was the result of an accident on board the Maine. The naval attaché of the Spanish Legation, has publicly announced the same belief, and added that the accident was the result of carelessness and lax discipline. Ye gods! and this meddlesome fool has not been sent after De Lome. It could have been understood if Mr. McKinley and his Secretary of the Navy had said that they had no opinion to offer in advance of the finding of the naval court of inquiry, which has been appointed to investigate the awful affair, but why they should take a position that is a reflection upon Captain Sigsbee and the other brave officers of the Maine, is only explainable upon the theory that they are afraid of offending Spain, and that in the event of the failure to find direct and conclusive evidence that the Maine was blown up by Spanish treachery, Capt. Sigsbee is to be made a scapegoat. It was the general opinion in Congress that Mr. McKinley should have ordered the entire United States fleet, now off the coast of Florida, to Havana harbor, to remain during the investigation, but so far, not even a single warship has been ordered there—Secretary Long says that one will be. It is not surprising that the Spaniards should think and say that we are afraid to send another warship to Havana. Up to this time, Mr. McKinley has only done one thing that has met the unqualified approval of Congress, and the indications point to his having done that under compulsion. That was to refuse to grant the request of the Spanish authorities at Havana, to have a Spanish diver accompany every American diver who made an examination of the hull of the Maine. Just who is entitled to credit for his having done that has not yet been ascertained, but it is certain that somebody is, as Secretary Long had stated before the official request reached Washington, but after it was

known that it would be made, that it would be granted. Congress doesn't wish the world to know that it differs with the President; hence it has so far done nothing further than to appropriate \$200,000 to be used in saving as much of the Maine and her equipment as possible, but the strain is terrible, and it is still on.

There is a difference of opinion as to whether Senator Mason chose just the right time to make that red-hot speech of his, and also to the good taste of some of his remarks, which were certainly not such as would be likely to increase our prestige abroad, but the truthfulness of the following is fully apparent: "Why should the administration now hesitate? The President hesitated because of autonomy. Why should he not act when the minister has confessed that it is not real, but a fraud and a sham? Autonomy, by the confession of the Spanish Minister, is a fraud, a delusion, and a snare—a common confidant game of a common thief, confessed out of his own mouth." No one could doubt the contempt felt by Mr. Mason for Spanish diplomats and Spanish diplomacy after he said; "I would not sit down at the same table with a Spaniard unless I had an ironclad wall between his stiletto and my architecture. There is nothing in Spanish diplomacy for a hundred years which proves them anything but common scoundrels."

Nothing yet seriously proposed in the line of paternalism goes further than a joint resolution offered by Representative Lovering, of Mass., providing for an amendment to the Constitution, authorizing Congress to regulate the hours of labor in all the states. The House Judiciary Committee has actually been giving hearings on that resolution. A delegation of cotton mill men from the South appeared before the Committee to protest against the resolution, but they could have saved money by staying at home. We may come to that sort of thing in time, but not yet.

Only 12 democrats and one populist voted for the Bankruptcy bill which passed the House by a vote of 159 to 124. The bill passed is a substitute for the Nelson bill passed by the Senate at the extra session, and it provides for both voluntary and involuntary bankruptcy.

Old uncle Louis Harris, who lived near the Roaring Gap Hotel died last Thursday evening about 3 o'clock, aged 104 years. On account of his extreme old age this venerable man was an object of interest to the visitors of the Hotel, and many hundreds of people called to see the old man and be with him; all spoke feelingly of the aged man's gentle ways. He is at rest, and why should any mourn that he is freed from the burdens of this life and gone to his reward.—Elkin Times.

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## In Memory of Mrs. Matilda Norris.

Matilda Norris wife of David Norris whose maiden name was Proffit, was born in the year 1825 being a little more than 73 years old. She died the 16th inst. 1898.

She was converted in early life, and joined the Methodist church at Hopewell, and has lived a consistent christian life for perhaps more than 40 years. Although she had been a great sufferer for a number of years, she seemed to be resigned to the will of the Lord. It has been the writers privilege to live a close neighbor to her for the last eight years, and to have visited her often during her hours of suffering, and to have held religious services with her. Often at such times; have I heard her shout the praises of God. She was always so patient, and in possession of such strong faith in Christ, that it was a benediction to others to visit her. Were I called upon to name the ripest and most mature christian in my knowledge, I would say, Sister Norris. A long, steady progress, in the christian life gave her at last, a perfect faith, perfect hope and perfect love. Her sufferings at the last, were intense, and she told her friends that "The time of her departure had come," and that she was happy in a Savior's love. She then gave directions concerning her burial and out-fitted calmly and quietly. When her struggle with Death was ending and her weeping friends were mourning their loss of a christian wife and mother the lines of pain seemed to disappear, and a beautiful smile lit up the dying face. "She passed away as if going into a sweet sleep. "Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep, from which none ever wake to weep." We fully believe that while her many friends grieve for her departure, that their loss is her gain. "I heard a voice from Heaven saying, Blessed are the dead, which die in the Lord. Yea, sayeth the Spirit that they may rest from their labors and their works follow them." "So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written; "Death is swallowed up in victory." O death, where is thy sting. O grave, where is thy victory." May the Lord deal gently with the bereaved ones, and unite them some sweet day in Heaven.

Mr. Norris wishes to express his gratitude to all his friends for their kindness and sympathy during his wife's illness.

The burial services were conducted by the writer on the following day at noon at Mt. Pleasant church.

L. D. COLE.

It is now beyond doubt that the Zola-Dreyfus-Esterhazy trial in France will not bring out the truth. The government and the court is determined not to let the truth be known.

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## Obituary.

William H. Danner departed this life Dec. 8th, '97, aged 36 years, 11 months and 8 days. The departed professed faith in Christ in early life and joined the Baptist church. He remained faithful and devoted in this relation until the day of his death. He was pious, peaceable and industrious, and is greatly missed.

He leaves a wife, seven children, mother, brother and sisters with many other relatives and friends to mourn their loss. May God bless us with His grace and comfort us with a hope that we shall meet him again with all our loved ones.

In closing this short sketch I would express my most profound sympathy for the sorrowing ones left behind. May the brothers and sisters meet him again in the light of a better world.

Lonely the house and sad the hours  
Since our dear one has gone,  
But Oh! a brighter home than ours  
In heaven is now his own.

J. D. DANNER.  
Shulls Mills, 2-18, '98.

## The Only Issue.

There are two or three Democratic newspapers in North Carolina to whom we would tender a few words of advice. It may not be much in the eyes of those for whom it is intended, but still we think it worth the little trouble it takes to give it. This advice is to pay more attention to State issues and less to free silver. Never mind about the mugwumps. If there are any in North Carolina they can take care of themselves. They may profess whatever faith they please so that they will surely do. Any kind of a democrat is better than any kind of a republican and every man's vote counts. Drop the mugwump business and let up on free silver and pay more attention to actual State interests and less to those which are fanciful. Our first and mightiest effort should be to redeem the State. If North Carolina goes Democratic with the State ticket next fall she can surely be counted upon to sustain the presidential ticket in 1900. Free silver can take care of itself. But it cannot, we just can't help it. Our first duty is to the old mother. We must redeem her honor. We must strike the shackles from her "beautiful limbs of steel" (and steal), and we must drive out the horde of vampires who are preying upon her life blood, we must put good men and true men and honorable men and intelligent men and honest men on guard, we must get rid of Russell and Butler and John R. Smith and Preacher Babb and Kirby Smith and Hancock and the entire gang who are trying to drive her to the devil and who care nothing for the honor and fame and good repute of the old mother so long as they may fatten on her vitals. When this is done, then we may turn our eyes abroad and see how it fares with our brethren elsewhere, but until it is done we must have no eyes, no ears, no tongue, no thought, no care, no desire for any other issue than the thorough and complete redemption of the old mother State.—Wilmington Review.

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## The Human Body.

In the human body there are about two hundred and sixty-three bones. The muscles are about five hundred in number. The length of the alimentary canal is about thirty-two feet. The amount of blood in an adult averages thirty pounds, or fully one-fifth of the entire weight. The heart is six inches in length and four inches in diameter, and beats seventy times per minute, 4,200 times per hour, 100,800 times per day, 36,792,000 times per year, and 2,565,440,000 in three score and ten, and at each beat two and a half ounces of blood are thrown out of it, one hundred and seventy five ounces per minute, sixty hundred and fifty-six pounds per hour, seven and three-quarter tons per day.

All the blood in the body passes through the heart in three minutes. This little organ, by its ceaseless industry pumps each day what is equal to lifting one hundred and seventy-two tons one foot high, or one ton one hundred and seventy-two feet high. The lungs will contain about one gallon of air at their average degree of inflation. We breathe on an average twelve hundred times an hour, inhale 600 gallons of air, or 24,000 per day. The aggregate surface of the air cells of the lungs exceeds 20,000 square inches an area nearly equal to the floor of a room twelve feet square.

The average weight of the brain of an adult male is three pounds and eight ounces; of a female two pounds and four ounces. The nerves are all connected with it, directly or by the spinal marrow. These nerves, together with their branches and minute ramification, probably exceed 10,000,000 in number, forming a "body-guard" outnumbering by far the greatest army ever marshalled!

The skin is composed of three layers, and varies from one-fourth to one-eighth of an inch in thickness. The atmospheric pressure being about fourteen pounds to the square inch, a person of medium size is subject to a pressure of 40,000 pounds. Each square inch of skin contains 3,500 sweating tubes, or perspiratory pores, each of which may be likened to a little drain-pipe one-fourth of an inch long, making an aggregate length of the entire surface of the body of 201,166 feet, or a tile ditch for draining the body almost forty miles long.


Man is marvelously made.

A whale 65 feet long that will yield 65 barrels of oil, it is thought, and the largest captured for many years in North Carolina waters, was killed by a whaling party near Beaufort harbor on the 14th. It is estimated to be worth \$1,800.

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