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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Some idea of the panic existing in administration circles, on account of the prospect of republican defeat in the Congressional campaign, may be had from Boss Hanna's estimate, after going over all the information in the possession of the Republican Congressional Committee, that it would require a fund of \$2,000,000 to elect a Republican majority of the next House. Hanna is chairman of the National Committee, and under ordinary conditions, would have nothing to do with the Congressional campaign. But existing conditions are not ordinary. On the contrary, they are extraordinary, from Mr. McKinley's view (Chairman Babcock, of the Congressional committee, told Mr. McKinley that he considered the fight already lost. Then Hanna was telegraphed for and asked if he could not save the House for his party. He decided that it would take \$2,000,000 to do it, and made out a list of men who must put up that amount. They are the same men who furnished him the money he used so lavishly two years ago, and already they are being personally waited upon and made come down again, some of them by Hanna himself and others by his agents.

Col. W. J. Bryan, who has been confined to his bed by an attack of malaria, is now much better, and expects to return to his regiment after a short stay in the Virginia mountains. None of the many attentions paid Col. Bryan during his stay in Washington, gave him more pleasure than a magnificent basket of roses from the Executive Committee of the Maryland Democratic Association, accompanied by a communication, from which the following is quoted: "The Executive Committee of the Maryland Democratic Association deem it a privilege and a pleasure to present this basket of flowers to Col. Wm. J. Bryan, as a token of their respect, love, and esteem for him who, more than any man living, stands as the personification of the most vital issue affecting the welfare of all the people of our Nation and of the world. The intelligent, aggressive and disinterested advocacy of the cause of the plain people that marked your entrance into public life at once awakened a response in the hearts of your countrymen, and singled you out as an object of their affection. Your steadfast devotion to principle, your untiring zeal in the cause of the people, and the recognition by them of your rare talents, combined to make you their chosen leader in their contest for deliverance from the evils that are threatening the overthrow of republican institutions and the establishment of a plutocracy to rule and plunder under forms of law." Gen. Fitz Lee, who was or-

dered to Washington last week, has gone to West Point to visit his son, who is a cadet there, but will return to Washington in a few days. Republican influence is being brought to bear upon the administration to cause it to give General Lee a subordinate command in the Cuban Army of Occupation, instead of command of the entire army. It was to sound him, in order to find out how far he would allow himself to be pushed into the background without tendering his resignation, that he was sent for. General Lee's admirers hope that if he is tendered anything less than command of that division of the army of occupation that will have Havana for its headquarters, he will tender his resignation and leave the army at once. If he gets less than that, a very positive promise will be violated, but that happens frequently in Washington.

Not being admitted to Boss Platt's confidence, I cannot vouch for its correctness, but there has been a lot of talk around Washington to the effect that "Teddy" Roosevelt was nominated for Governor with the deliberate intention of ending his political career by getting him badly defeated, and that he is to be traded for legislative votes wherever to do so will increase the chance of electing a Republican member to the legislature. According to this talk, Mr. McKinley and Boss Platt are acting together in this scheme to get rid of "Teddy" and at the same time elect a legislature that will send a Republican successor to Senator Murphy. Democratic advisers indicate very strongly that the democrats will control the legislature as well as elect the entire state ticket. They say they can beat Roosevelt without any assistance from Platt, and his knifing.

Although Gen. Joe Wheeler has been offered command of all the cavalry that will go to Cuba with the army of occupation, there are reasons for believing that he will not go to Cuba, unless there is a hitch in negotiating the treaty of Peace at Paris. A close friend of General Wheeler says he will resign his commission and resume his Congressional duties, as soon as the treaty of Peace is signed; he has no hankering after the command of a mounted police force, in Cuba or else where, and that is about all our cavalry will be after the treaty of peace becomes an accomplished fact.

That investigation commission promises to do some investigating this week; it has done nothing yet but get ready, except to abandon the idea of star chamber sessions, and agree to have the Press Associations represented at all sessions where testimony is taken.

Cotton and wool are reported lower than ever before. Why is this? The Dingley bill is in operation. Wool ought to climb up instead of going down. Will some of the Dingley men rise up and explain.

THE NEGRO MAGISTRATES OF '77.

How They Were Elected by a Democratic Legislature.

Newton Enterprise.

No better proof could be furnished of the fact that the fusionists are sorely pressed for a defense to offer the people for the reign of negroism in the east than the big circulars on colored paper they are now distributing and posting throughout the State. It attempts to excuse their putting the schools, the courts, the police forces and the town and county governments of the east under the control of the negroes, by charging that the Democratic Legislature of 1877 elected 107 magistrates. On this poster is given the names of the Democrats who voted for the bill electing about 3,000 magistrates, 107 of whom, the fusion managers say, were negroes. The record of the Democratic party as a white man's party has been so well established that we knew that this poster bore the imprints of falsehood as soon as we saw it. We looked up the journal of the Legislature and found the facts as follows:

The committee on the election of magistrates agreed that each Democratic member should make up the list of magistrates for his county, and that each Republican member should have the naming of one-third of the magistrates of his county, while the other two-thirds would be selected by the Democratic members of the committee. The lists were brought in and the magistrates for the whole State, about 3,000 in number, were elected by one vote. The lists of the Republican members for one-third of the magistrates from their counties were accepted without question. There were no marks to the names to indicate that any of them were negroes. After the election the fact cropped out that some of the men were negroes, and immediately many of the Democrats had a protest entered on the journal.

Thus we see that our opponents, by their squirming and twisting, get deeper and deeper into the mire. Those 107 negro magistrates were named by Republicans. Even when they were in the minority they put negroes in office by reason of the courtesy extended them by their Democratic associates, and we are told by those who recollect the circumstances, that these Republicans, when called upon for an explanation, said they had put in the names of negroes for magistrates because there were no white Republicans in certain townships to take the offices.

Citizen: A Bundy clock for the use of the Asheville post-office has arrived, and an expert will be here in a few days to set it up. The clock is intended as a timekeeper for the carriers and clerks, the insertion of the employee's key registering unerringly the hour at which he begins the day's duties. It keeps a record of each man's time, and in fact can do almost any old thing except take photographs. The new cancelling machine for the Asheville office has not yet arrived. It will perhaps be operated by electricity.

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A Letter of Much Interest.

Mr. T. C. Land, of Mt. Zion, Wilkes county, is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Richard Greene, of Cerrillos, New Mexico, and makes some extracts therefrom that are very timely, and sends to us for publication. Mr. Land says:

MR. EDITOR: Having recently received a letter from a highly esteemed friend residing in Cerrillos, N. M., who has many relatives and friends in Watauga and Wilkes counties, I have concluded to send you some extracts from it which bear on our present political struggle for white supremacy over negro rule in North Carolina. The friend to whom I refer is Mr. Richard Green, formerly a citizen of Meat Camp, Watauga county, N. C. In writing of the political issues Mr. Green says in part:

"I have never seen times so hard as they are now since I have been in the West. I am afraid the McKinley prosperity will never come, and I do hope we can down the Republican gang in our next presidential election, and how I do want old North Carolina to again redeem herself. It is astonishing to think that the good white people will vote with the ignorant negroes for the purpose of getting the Republican party in power. God knows there is not one drop of Republican blood in my veins, and I can't see how any white man can be a Republican, especially one who lives in North Carolina. I know that there are a good many of my connection who are Republicans, but I can't see why they are if they would just read and study the two parties all the way through.

"I want you to tell all my old friends and relatives that I want them to stop and think before they vote and try to vote for their own interest and not for the old Radical negro rule of the good old State. Oh! I can't do the subject justice. When I get to thinking about it I get almost frantic. If you see my brother, tell him that I said for God's sake and for the sake of the State in which he lives, to vote against the Republican ticket from this time on, as I know the Republican party in North Carolina is very rotten. Well, I do think it is time for the good people of North Carolina to begin to think what they are doing, and try to vote for the grand old Democratic party and elect its candidates if possible. How long to see the time when we can have a change in the administration and we can get the free coinage of both gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, without the consent of any other nation on earth, for I believe that this country is capable of taking care of its own affairs without the aid of England or any other nation. I do admire Bryan's principles and hope to see him elected President in 1900, and I believe he will be. So much for politics.

"Now, I would like to know all the news from that part

of North Carolina. Give my very best regards to all my old friends, and tell them to be careful and vote the Democratic ticket, and they will never regret it, if they vote it all the balance of their lives. Give my kindest regards to your brother and family. Trusting that I will get a long letter from you before a great while, I am yours very truly and fraternally.

RICHARD GREEN."

The Lenoir Topic and the Wilkesboro Chronicle are requested by Mr. Land to publish this letter.

Tribute of Respect.

Death has again invaded our circle and taken from among us our dear brother N. T. Mast, who departed this life Oct. 1, 1898 in the prime of robust manhood. While we desire to bow with humble submission to the will of Him "who doeth all things well," yet we think it proper that this Lodge should adopt some fitting expressions of condolence and respect in memory of our departed brother Mast. Therefore be it resolved by Snow Lodge, A. F. & A. M. in special communication now assembled:

1. That by the death of Bro. Mast our hearts are made sad indeed. That this Lodge sustains the loss of one of its most faithful members. That his life as a citizen, as a neighbor, as a gentleman, and his deportment as a christian are worthy of imitation.
2. That in the family circle a vacancy is created which can never be filled in this world, that we tender to the family our heart felt sympathy in their sad bereavement, and that we pray that the bereaved ones may become a reunited family, with their departed head, in a home "beyond this vale of tears."
3. That the usual badge of mourning be worn by the members of this Lodge for thirty days, in memory of our deceased brother.
4. That a copy of the above resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, a copy be spread upon the minutes of the Lodge, and that a copy be furnished the WATAUGA DEMOCRAT for publication.

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The egg of "Dick" Morse in Atlanta is told by the Constitution: "Last night about 9 o'clock the street preacher, R. M. Morse, was pelted with eggs from some person who stood in the crowd listening to his discourse. Four or five eggs were thrown, but the two police officers standing by were unable to locate the person who handled the eggs. The affair caused some excitement and the evangelist was incensed at the treatment. The police are making every effort to locate the thrower of the eggs and if he is caught he will be severely dealt with by the recorder."

Salisbury Sun: James McIntyre of Woodleaf, this county, was in the city Thursday. He said: "I was a Republican but have quit the party. I was a delegate to the Republican county convention and was so disgusted with it that I left before the convention adjourned. I intend to vote the Democratic ticket this year.

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Go ye into all the State and preach negro office holding over white people in the eastern counties as right. Then in the next breath "cuss" the Democrats for appointing negroes to office; it seems to be the mission of certain men called and qualified for such work.

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