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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent

Long-headed men are not doing any premature hurrahing because Aguinaldo asked Gen. Otis to agree to a suspension of hostilities until he could call the Philippine Congress together and have it decide whether the war should be continued. It may mean an end of the war and it may be only a trick of Aguinaldo's to gain a little needed time to put him in a better condition to continue the war, but it is just as well to wait and see whether Aguinaldo accepts the terms of peace offered by Gen. Otis as an ultimatum—unconditional surrender and amnesty for the Filipinos—before rejoicing. Of course, everybody, the supporters as well as the opponents of the administration policy in the Philippines wishes to see the fighting, of which the country has become very tired, cease over there. It is admitted that Aguinaldo is no fool. In fact, his proposition itself would prove that. If General Otis had recognized the Philippine Congress, he would have officially admitted the existence of the Philippine government, and that admission would have queered the administration policy. Perhaps that may have been all that Aguinaldo was after. A little patience and we shall know.

The hint has been passed around among the western members of the House that the Hanna-McKinley candidate for Speaker, will be a western man. There is much curiosity to know why that was done so early in the game. There is only one eastern candidate—Sherman, of N. Y.—who is thought to have any chance at all, and he is understood to be Mr. Root's choice. Perhaps that explains it. It is thought that Sherman is thought to be a bluff to try to reach Sherman's support himself. It is thought that Sherman's support is necessary for the passage of the McKinley bill. It is thought that Sherman's support is necessary for the passage of the McKinley bill. It is thought that Sherman's support is necessary for the passage of the McKinley bill.

finally after due deliberation, the gentlemen will take the vote. Someone will be selected and he may not be any one whose name has been previously mentioned for the place. His election, however, will be assured. See if my prediction is not fulfilled." That isn't a picture to be proud of but such things have been done before by the same crowd.

Including the \$20,000,000 paid to Spain, through the French Ambassador, the Treasury deficit for April was \$24,088,437.

The report of the Military Court of Inquiry has been in the hands of Acting Secretary Meiklejohn, of the War Department for two or three days, awaiting Mr. McKinley's order to be made public.

Commissioner of Pensions, Evans doesn't seem to be greatly worried because the Kansas G. A. R. asked for his removal and the appointment of another Commissioner "who will execute the laws in accordance with the true spirit that prompted their enactment." Speaking of the matter, Mr. Evans said: "I did not make the laws. They are the same which have been in existence since 1890, and I am governed by them. The Pension Bureau is an immense business. We have nearly a million pensioners on our lists, and the office is managed with the greatest possible generosity towards the old soldiers, but at the same time, we must consider the interests of the tax-payers. Decisions have been made affecting the entire country, and it may be that they have applied more generally in Kansas than in other states.

Mr. McKinley's friends are alarmed at reports of defections among among western republicans, which have reached Washington. That these reports are not without foundation is shown by the statement of Mr. W. C. Newman, a life long republican, who is the agent of the Cattleman's Protective Association, of Montana, and who has been sent out to see if something cannot be done to revive the once prosperous cattle trade. He said: "If the administration had come out boldly and showed an open and honest investigation of the great scandal it would have created the impression abroad that the country was sincere in its efforts to bring the scandal to the American and foreign consumer. As it is, it will require some time to overcome the prejudice that has been created by the administration's course in this matter. I would not wonder if feeling has been done in the West within the last few weeks. I would not wonder if feeling has been done in the West within the last few weeks. I would not wonder if feeling has been done in the West within the last few weeks.

Why Booth Killed Lincoln.

Wilmington Messenger.
We are much interested in a short article in the April number of the Wake Forest Student. It was sent by Geo. Anderson Foote, son of the late Dr. George A. Foote, of Warrenton, an honored and highly reputable physician, lately deceased. He first gives an extract from Appleton's Cyclopaedia of Biography (wrongly printed 'Biology') of the hanging of that very gallant and meritorious officer, Capt. John Young Beall, a native of Virginia, and born in 1835, and hanged 24th of February, 1865, as a spy, which was most infamous, most infernal. He was regularly commissioned, and was acting under orders. It was one of the many disgraceful acts of the Goths and Vandals in their war upon the South, and literally with out any reasonable or just cause. A sketch was found among Dr. Foote's papers, who was a surgeon in the Confederate army and was imprisoned at Fort Columbus, New York harbor. Dr. Foote's posthumous paper is both interesting and informing. He tells of the efforts made to save Capt. Beall's life by Gov. Andrew, of Massachusetts, and others, but in vain. Dr. Foote's cell, in which he was confined, was adjoining Captain Beall's. Beall and John Wilkes Booth had been room-mates at college and were very dear friends. Booth tried every way to secure Beall's release from prison, but in vain. An effort to secure his escape was made, in which Dr. Foote was to be a party. In fact, two plans came to naught.

The interesting point really of historic interest is to follow Dr. Foote's private memorandum gives a statement that will surprise many, as it did us. The common idea is that President Lincoln was murdered by John Wilkes Booth because he was the head of the Northern States and was responsible for the war upon the South. In other words, that Booth, being in intense sympathy with the South, and being somewhat daft, had assassinated the President on account of his course in the war. After the plans failed, Dr. Foote says Booth hurried to Washington, and on his knees implored President Lincoln and Secretary Seward to pardon or least respite Beall. Lincoln promised to respite, but that night ordered his execution. Dr. Foote says:

"This order was executed, and Beall was hanged within thirty yards of my window and inside Fort Columbia, and not at Johnson's Island, as has been frequently reported. I think, for what he term of the policy of the President towards himself and toward the South, at once became a strange but inevitable death by killing John Lincoln, and Secretary Seward. He did not intend to shoot Lincoln in the back, but the soldiers, who were ordered to shoot him, did so. He was shot in the back, and he died. He was shot in the back, and he died. He was shot in the back, and he died.

Booths spur caught in the curtain that fatal night, he would have escaped at least for a time. The war had nothing to do with the assassination of the President; it was due simply and solely to revenge, intensified by Booth's love and admiration for his friend.

"Booth went to New York the morning of Beall's execution, and being so grievously disappointed at what had occurred, he became measurably an insane man. I had not the slightest idea of Booth's plan to assassinate the President. The plan was known only to one man, and to him Booth revealed it only an hour before the assassination. The man to whom he thus confided his purpose begged him not carry it out, and finding that Booth was not to be turned from his revenge, left the city before the horrid tragedy occurred."

We were very intimate with Dr. Foote for many years. He was our family physician and most attentive, sympathetic and skillful. We always thought him truthful, honorable and sincere. We at least believe his statement without reservation.

Wilkes is the birth place of the most wonderful pig in the world. It was born last week at the home of C. O. Walker, in Mulberry township, and lived only a short time. The pig had three ears; one in the middle of the forehead; four eyes and eight feet. From the center of the body backward, the body separated into two well developed bodies, one male the other, female. It is undoubtedly the greatest hog curiosities of the century. Chronicle.

Newton Enterprise: The witch doctor, Chris Detter, who has had quite an extensive introduction to the people of North Carolina, was sentenced last week at Lincoln court to four months in prison in the county jail, and required to refund Martin Smith the \$65 that he cheated him out of, with interest, all costs in the case and Smith's lawyer's fees. It is said that Detter is a man of some property and will be able to foot the bills.

Many old soldiers now feel the effects of the hard service they endured during the war. Mr. Geo. S. Anderson, of Ross ville, York county, Penn. who saw the hardest kind of service at the front, is now frequently troubled with rheumatism. "I had a severe attack lately," he says, "and procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It did so much good that I would like to know what you would charge me for one dozen bottles. Mr. Anderson wanted it both for his own use and to supply his friends and neighbors, as every family should have a bottle of it in their home, not only for rheumatism, but lame back, cuts, sprains, swellings, bruises and lacerations, for which it is unequalled. For sale by druggists.

North Carolina is justly proud of the 1st Regiment. Not one of the members were given a discharge. Few other regiments made such a record.

AN OBITUARY.

Bryson City Democrat:
With this issue the Democrat will cease publication, as has been previously announced. We pass into "innocuous desuetude" with the same lofty silence that characterized the burial of Sir William Moore. The grass that will grow over the grave of the Democrat will never be as green as the editor: was in attempting to run a newspaper on the ground that had shivered the aspirations and hopes of Hodge, Jim Cathey, Pender and Paul Wright. But we are now ripe with experience and prepared for a better existence. We may enter the New Jerusalem poor and needy, but unless the trusts and combines have got a monopoly there already, we may get a "lick" at the golden streets, something we can't do in this town. But we don't expect to favor the single gold standard until something of that kind does happen.

We have had some fun, but it has mostly been at our own expense. Like old Ben Franklin, we have paid dear for the whistle. But we kept on whistling until we feel we are unable to draw the 'puckering string' any longer. In other words, our 'dear whistle' is 'busted.' We haven't eaten any dirt and have quit 'drinkin' licker,' and have a reasonable hope for a personal future. With this pleasant reflection we dismiss a load of care from our mind and retire as gracefully as an unsuccessful knight of the quill can, bowing ourself out backwards to conceal as much as possible the 'breeches in the posterior of our breeches,' that we modestly wear as a badge of honor that will be awarded to every editor who will embark in the newspaper business in this unfruitful field.

A Daughter Lost 18 Years.

Winston Republican.
Mr. C. Noah Rothrock, of Salem, received a letter from his daughter, Lula May, whom he has not seen or heard from for eighteen years. Mr. Rothrock lost his wife eighteen years ago. He was then living in Colorado. Leaving his surviving infant daughter with her grandparents he came to North Carolina. In due time he married again. The grand parents and the child moved farther west and he lost all traces of them. After diligent search and inquiry he finds his daughter at San Isabel, Colorado. She is anxious to see her father, whom she has virtually never seen, and writes that her grandparents have been the same as a father and mother to her. The indications are that there will be a very happy meeting of father and child at no distant day.

I have been a sufferer from chronic diarrhoea ever since the war and have used a all kinds of medicine for it. At last I found one remedy that has been a success as a cure, and that is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. P. E. Grisham, Gars Mills, La. For sale by druggists.

Be punctual. Some men won't be in line in eternity, As for myself I never mean to be the late Mr. Spurgeon as long as I live.—Spurgeon.

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NOTICE.
By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed executed to me on Oct. 2nd, 1891, by G. W. Clawson and wife Alice Clawson, and duly registered in book c. page 420, in the public records of Watauga county, to secure the payment of \$159.00, with interest and cost, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in Boone on Monday, June the 5th, the following described tract of land to-wit: Twenty acres more or less lying on the waters of Pine Run creek, this county beginning on a white oak, running south 40 pole to the road, thence a south east course with said road 90 poles to a white oak, M. L. McNeal's corner, thence a north west course with McNeal's line 40 poles to Mc Neal's corner, then west 60 poles to the beginning. Sale will be made between the hours of 10, a. m., and 2, p. m. This May 8, '99.
A. J. MORETZ, Mortgagee.