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Times Democrat: From nearly all sections come reports that prospects are for large crops of fruit this year good. One of our contemporaries who knows the ways of fruit, holds that it is seldom injured in March. The injury occurs frequently in February, not very often in April but is not likely to occur in March. It is thus reasoned that there is a pretty good chance for plenty of apples, peaches and "sich like" the coming summer.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent

The amendment of the Nicaragua Canal treaty, giving this country the right to defend and control the canal in times of war, although proposed by a republican—Senator Davis,—was a democratic triumph, because the amendment is an unqualified endorsement of the position taken by the democrats when the treaty was first made public. As amended, the treaty will probably receive votes of enough democratic Senators to make its ratification reasonably certain, although there are features in it that will prevent some democrats from voting for its ratification.

Are the majority of the Senate afraid of England? Their action, when Senator Mason compelled the Senate to take up his resolution, expressing sympathy for the Boers, certainly looked that way. The majority refused to allow the resolution to be discussed in open session, because things would be said that would offend England. Ye Gods! this sort of talk in the American Senate, where men who cringed to no foreign friend or foe, once upon a time a fearlessly expressed their opinion and time after time have spoken in favor of down-trodden people, without stopping to think whether their oppressors would like it or not. Now, as soon as anything affecting England is even mentioned, the majority orders all the doors closed. What a picture for the American people to contemplate. Even in secret session, the administration Senators are afraid to allow Senator Mason's resolution to be squarely voted upon. Their programme is to throttle it by having a majority vote to lay it on the table. If the so-called era of friendship with England is to result in squelching our Americanism and our love for liberty, the sooner it comes to an end the better for us as a people.

Whether General Wheeler takes his seat in the House depends upon Mr. McKinley. Under the date of Nov. 28th, 1899, General Wheeler forwarded his resignation as a brigadier general of volunteers from the Philippines, to Mr. McKinley. If Mr. McKinley accepts the resignation to take effect on that date, which was before the assembling of Congress, no objection will be raised to Gen. Wheeler taking his seat in the House.

In order to get republican votes enough in the Senate to pass the Porto Rican tariff bill, numerous amendments have been agreed to, among them one to admit all goods from the U. S. to Porto Rico free of duty. And it may be necessary to reduce the duty on Porto Rican products below the fifteen per cent provided for in the House bill. It will be a long time before the hard feelings aroused among republicans by this bill pass away, and republicans admit that it is

likely to cost them a number of seats in the House.

As though there were not already a sufficient number of differences between Mr. McKinley and his party in Congress, a new and serious one has turned up in the reciprocity treaty with France. Mr. McKinley is insisting that the Senate shall ratify the treaty at the present session, while leaders in his party in the Senate, knowing the extent of the party opposition to the treaty, wish to let the matter go over until the next session, under the pretense that the Committee on Finance wishes time to make an exhaustive investigation into the effect the treaty will have upon our revenues, if ratified. Neither side has yet won, but the Senators know that they have only to hold out to make Mr. McKinley back down, as he has done in every controversy he has had with his party leaders in Congress.

A new and interesting bit of political gossip is that Mr. McKinley is seriously thinking of making a scapegoat of Secretary Hay, with the hope of squaring himself with the numerous and influential republicans who have been making vigorous protests against the too English. For eign policy of the administration. It would be nothing new for Mr. McKinley to sacrifice a friend to serve his own political interests, but in this particular case it is doubtful whether the sacrifice would do more than add to the country's belief in the adroitness of Mr. McKinley in looking out for No. 1. Mr. Hay is inviting the sacrifice by his talk against the amendment of the Nicaragua Canal treaty.

A joint resolution, intended to give Gen. Miles promotion, has been offered in Senate and House, by Senator Lodge and Representative Moody, of Mass. It provides that the senior Major General, when in command of the army, shall have the rank and pay of Lieut. General and shall be retired with that rank. The administration has quietly opposed all legislation along this line, because of the pull of Adjutant General Corbin, who is bitterly hostile to Gen. Miles and it will probably do the same in this case.

As a result of a week's work, the republicans of the House have unseated two democrats one from Alabama and one from Va.—and seated two republicans.

The Senate sat down quick and hard on Senator Hoar's scheme to give ex-Queen Lil, of Hawaii, \$20,000, and a yearly pension of \$10,000. We haven't reached the stage yet of willingly paying pensions to ex-royalties, either white or chocolate colored.

He Fooled the Surgeons.
All doctors told Renick Hamilton, of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 18 months from Rectal Fistula, he would die unless a costly operation was performed, but he cured himself with Bucklen's Anicua Salve, the best in the world. Surest Pile cure on earth. 25c a box at Blackburn's.

A LITTLE GIRL'S LONG TRIP.

"Inez Slocum has completed, alone, a trip of nearly 4,000 miles by rail from Butte, Mont., to Winston-Salem, N. C., says the Knoxville, Tenn. Journal and Tribune. "That she came through that entire distance without a scratch and was given the best of attention is a tribute to the watchfulness and fatherly care of the American railway conductor.

"When Conductor Fred Cantwell, who runs on the Salisbury passenger, went through his train on Monday to collect fares from his passengers, he struck the most diminutive passenger it had ever been his good fortune to see and he has been running for many years.

"That passenger was a little girl, who lisped to his query, that she was six years old. When he asked her for her ticket she gave it to him and he was surprised to note that she had traveled continuously for six days and nights, coming from Butte, Mont., where her ticket was stamped and being bound for Winston-Salem, N. C.

"The child was bright and intelligent and wore neat but plain clothing. With her she had a pasteboard box, in which men's shirts are shipped, and in that box she had two or three complete changes of clothing. Sewed to the band of her skirt was a little bag tied with strings and in it was a note that perhaps many conductors had read.

The note, written in Butte, merely gave the name of the little miss and stated that \$6.50 had been placed in the little bag to pay for her food from the time she started on her journey from the Pacific coast until she reached her destination. It further requested all conductors to see that she was provided with food.

"Conductor Cantwell read the note and then, just for amusement, counted her money, for the little bag seemed to contain much more than the original \$6.50. When he had completed the task he found that she had exactly \$27.30, showing that her trip had been a profitable one to say the least.

"A lady passenger, who became interested in the little tourist, took charge of her and after giving her as good a wash as the toilet room of the train offered, changed her clothing from head to heel.

"When Barber's Junction, which is 12 miles west of Salisbury, was reached, the little girl was turned over to the Winston-Salem man by conductor Cantwell and she would then soon complete the remaining small fraction of her journey across the continent.

"That this little girl made such a trip alone is surely the highest compliment that could be bestowed upon that much worried, kindhearted generous official—the American railway conductor.

"Why she was making such a trip no one could tell. All she could say was that 'papa was at home, mamma gone,' or 'dawn,' as she pronounced it. She perhaps meant by that expression that her mother was dead."

"When Butler, at the recent meeting of the Populist Executive Committee, appealed to the fighting qualities of his followers and asked them to join hands with the Republicans (four-fifths negroes) and drive the white supremacy gang out of the State, I said in an interview that his purpose seemed to be to stir up and incite the negroes to violent resistance of the lawful negroes to violent resistance of the lawful purpose of the white people. Holton's threats, Blackburn's warning, Pritchard's attempt to secure Federal aid, Linney's threat to pass a force bill election law through Congress, the negro White's impudent assault upon white women, the secret and mysterious activity of the revenue doozlers and the recent sudden outbreak of negro insolence and lawlessness not only confirm that opinion but arouse a strong suspicion that the fusion office-holders are engaged in some dangerous scheme, and that in carrying it out, the negro is being secretly organized and will be used as a tool. It would seem that the conspirators have discussed and pondered over their programme of violence so much that their minds have become thoroughly saturated with it, and, under the heat of excitement, they let drop hints of their dark purport. Under these circumstances ordinary prudence dictates that the white people be on their guard and watch every movement of the negroes and the white emissaries who may be engaged in secretly organizing them.—Raleigh Letter.

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The political situation is very rapidly becoming lively. It is certain to break the 1898 record when the campaign gets in full swing. Republican State Chairman Holton is charged with having intimated that Federal troops may be sent to this State. Now his assistant, Spencer Blackburn, is charged with having gone a bow-shot further by saying that assassination is ahead for some Democrat or Democrats. Who is the man or men whom the Republicans have marked as they did in Kentucky?

A. R. De Flinent, editor of the Journal, Doylestown, O., suffered for a number of years from rheumatism in his right shoulder and side. He says: "My right arm at times was entirely useless. I tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and was surprised to receive almost immediate relief. The Pain Balm has been a constant companion of mine ever since and it never fails." For sale by dealers.

The republican uprising east and west against the Porto Rico bill constitutes one of the most remarkable revolutions ever known. We have our own ideas as to the cause of it, and they do not harmonize with the presumption that the complacent approval with which the party press has regarded the President's imperialist course has been genuine or deeply rooted. But however this may be, there is no doubt that the reaction—which seems to be the right word—is assuming very threatening proportions. A party of newspaper editors from Minnesota reached Washington yesterday, and they say their State is all worked up over the matter—which assertion is borne out by the action of Senators Davis and Nelson in offering a free trade amendment to the Porto Rico bill. Editor Johnson, of the Minneapolis Times, says that in all his experience in the newspaper business he never saw "such a spontaneous uprising" as this. Unless Porto Rico is given free trade, the republicans in his opinion, will lose more than half the Minnesota congressional districts to the democrats. Mayor Gray, of Minneapolis, and a number of the editors called on the President yesterday and told him that the Minnesota men who went with Mr. McCall and Mr. Littlefield had voiced the sentiment of the north west, which was 90 per cent. for free trade.—Springfield Republican.

Rev. W. E. Sitzer, Canton, N. Y., writes: "I had dyspepsia over twenty years and tried doctors and medicines without benefit. I was persuaded to use Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and it helped me from the start. I believe it to be a panacea for all forms of indigestion. It digests what you eat. Coffey Bros Phillips & Son.

A Union county man who has lived three score and ten years appeared in the court room at Monroe recently as a plaintiff in a suit for divorce. He has been married four times. He has buried three of his wives and obtained a divorce from No. 4.

Some people snore so loud that they have to sleep in another room to keep from waking themselves up.—Haynesville Courier.

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