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Mrs. Elizabeth Whitfield Bellamy, the authoress, died at her home in Mobile, Ala., Saturday, aged 63 years. She was the widow of Dr. Edward C. Bellamy, surgeon in the Confederate army. Her best known work, "Old Man Gilbert," had a large sale because of its faithful portrayal of Southern social conditions. Her last novel, "Trials of Penny Lancaster," appeared last year.

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**WASHINGTON LETTER.**  
From our Regular Correspondent

Another ugly scandal has cropped up under the rule of the War Department, which cannot fail to add to the wave of public sentiment daily becoming higher and stronger, that will sweep the republican party, with its record of scandals, out of power. This particular scandal was uncovered quite by accident and its existence was not denied by Secretary Root who is responsible for its continuance, although it was originated by Alger. It is, to speak plainly, the robbery of the Cubans, for the benefit of the officers of the U. S. army. Hints of extravagant living by American officers in Cuba and of large sums paid for their expenses, have been frequent, but it was not until the last forty-eight hours that it became positively known that officers in the U. S. army were in direct violation of law, drawing two salaries, one from the U. S. and from the Cuban revenues. The ground upon which Secretary Root justifies this robbery is worthy of a shyster lawyer but not of a member of the U. S. Cabinet—That the money drawn from the Cuban revenues by these officers, is not a salary from the United States, and consequently their receiving it is not a violation of the law prohibiting two salaries. Mr. Root goes even further than that. He says this robbery was carefully considered and endorsed by Mr. McKinley and his entire Cabinet before it was started, and that he intends to increase the number of officers who are allowed to participate therein. But he won't, unless prominent Republican Senators who have expressed surprise and regret at the scandal, change their minds. The Senate has adopted a resolution, calling for all the facts.

Experience doesn't always teach. Notwithstanding, the awful experience of our soldiers in the war with Spain, thousands of whom were made sick and unfit for duty, by eating the so-called canned roast beef, the War Department has ordered a big lot of the stuff sent to the Philippines for the use of our soldiers over there. General Miles is as much opposed to this meat as he was during the war with Spain, and the War Department acted without consulting him.

Representative Livingston, one of the most level-headed democrats in the House, says the Republican leaders have determined to jam the ship-subsidy job through at this session of Congress. Speaking of this deal, Mr. Livingston said: "I know that a conference of Republican leaders was held, at which it was determined to push the ship bounty scheme at all hazards. I also know that the next day, Pacific Mail, which may fairly be considered the barometer of the scheme, shot up nearly four points on the New York stock exchange. The man who can't plainly

discern a chain of cause and effect in this, is indeed blind. Obviously, somebody who attended that Conference communicated to the men who control the market for Pacific Mail securities, the news that the Ship Subsidy bill would be brought forward and rushed through at this session, under the party lash. It would not surprise me if a special rule for its consideration and passage should be prescribed by the Speaker's Committee. Such a rule, it may be confidently expected, will limit debate almost to the vanishing point. Indeed, it may be that all debate will be cut off on the bill in the House. I believe they are waiting for a time when an unusual number of democrats are absent from the House, to force the bill forward for a needed consideration. I am informed that a large part of their campaign fund depends upon its passage. Therefore, it behooves us democrats to keep our eyes peeled for the ship-subsidy scheme. Every mother's son of us ought to stay right here in Washington until the session closes and keep a sharp lookout for the Hanna Payne bill."

It was an Ohio man, John Sherman, who originated the phrase which has since become so wide used: "I'm going home to look after my fences." Mr. McKinley, who is in Ohio, this week, said before leaving Washington, that he was going to "look after repairs to my house," which is a slight deviation from Sherman's words, but means the same thing to the initiated. It was not a mere coincidence that the repairs upon Mr. McKinley's house, at Canton, should require his personal attention during the same week in which the Republican State Convention will be held at Columbus.

Senator Wellington has formally left the Hanna McKinley party, and made this announcement: "I was opposed to the permanent acquisition of the Philippines, and to the 15 per cent. duty on Porto Rico imports to the United States. This being my position, I do not intend to support a platform that is against my convictions in such important particulars. I do not intend to remain a Republican member of the Republican National Committee, nor to attend the National Convention." There are numerous prominent Republicans in both branches of Congress who believe just as Senator Wellington does, but whether any of them will show that they have the courage of their convictions by following his example, remains to be seen.

Life is a mission. Every other definition of life is false, and leads all who accept it astray.—Guiseppe Mazzini.

Lewis Ackerman, Goshen, Ind., says: "De Witt's Little Early Risers always bring certain relief, cure my headache and never gripe." They gently cleanse and invigorate the bowels. Coffey Bros. Phillips and Son.

**The Dog.**  
Boston Transcript.

The dog is a digitigrade carnivorous mammal. This will be news to most persons, who had always supposed that a dog was simply a dog.

It has been bruited about that the dog was the best friend to man among the brute creation.

When you notice how affectionately the dog clings to the stranger that knocks at your door you can readily believe this.

He pants after the thief. When once he gets hold of the thief's pants, he makes breaches.

The dog leaves off his own pants during cold weather.

A barking dog never bites; that is to say, when he begins to bite he stops barking. Conversely, a biting dog never barks, and for similar reasons.

The hair of a dog will cure his bite. This is a curious superstition among hair-brained young men who are fast going to the dogs.

Dogs are dentists by profession. They insert teeth with out charge.

The dog never barks excepting when he is awake. The dog is always awake.

The dog has no other way to express his joy than to bark. He always feels joy when he sees a man. When there is no other man to see, he expresses his joy to the man in the moon.

The little dogs are also pleased to see a man. They are very numerous, and constitute no small part of the population. As we remarked, the dog is always awake. This is no tail though he carries a tail in his wake.

The sea dog loves his bark. Did you ever see a dog that didn't?

The dog's head is the place where the bark comes from. We asked a dog, and the dog said so.

The head of a dog has a doghead look.

The bark of a tree is unlike the bark of a dog. Even a dogwood knows this.

Dogs are not always kind, though there are many kinds of dogs.

Every dog has his day although dog days last but a few weeks in the year.

There must be a Sirius error here.

The dog's star is the dog's planet. They planet so that their days come while the star is in the sky.

They do not fear it. It is not a Skye terrier.

When a dog enters a pitched battle he uses the dog's tar.

There are a great many fish stories about dogs. The doggerel is not a dog fish, however.

Although a wail often follows it.

Brutus said, "I'd rather be a dog and bay the moon than such a Roman."

He had seen roamin' a round on the bay.

They never got over the bay.

Sea?

The Jews considered the dog unclean.

And yet the dog will clean

out a crowd, no matter how dirty.

But the dog Spitz.

A living dog is said to be better than a dead lion. There's no lying about this, but a dead dog is dog gone bad.

Tray was a good dog, but tres is worse than the deuce when it is against you.

Dogs were the original Argonauts. They have never given over their search for the fleas.

The bulldog is a stubborn fellow. He is not easily cowed.

Of course the gentler sex is the most stubborn of the two. You have heard of the dog ma.

A great many stories of the dog have obtained currency. The man who has left a part of his clothing with the dog has current. See?

Puppies are born blind. They are not see dogs then.

There are many types of dog, including the doguerro type.

The dog has four legs, two of them fore legs.

But perhaps we has better paws here.

Howl this do for a dog?

**NEGRO IN THE BACKGROUND.**

In Henderson, a city of 5,000 inhabitants at the Republican primary held on Saturday not a single white man was present and all the delegates selected were negroes.

In Warren at the county convention the attendance was nearly one hundred and not a single white man was present. The negroes, however, in response to orders, elected two white men as delegates to the state convention.

In Lenoir county of ninety present seventy were negroes.

In Guilford the negroes obeyed orders and not one was present as delegate or alternate.

In Jones county three-fourths of the delegates were negroes, but the negroes were told to take a back seat and white men were elected to the State convention.

These are a few sample Republican conventions. The revenue officers, who absolutely run the Republican party in North Carolina, have had their doodles at work for more than a month travelling about the State telling the negroes that they must take a back-seat in the State convention this year in order to defeat the amendment. "If you are prominent in the convention this year," is the argument used, "you will never get a chance to vote again. Take a back seat this year, and after we get in we will let you sit at the first table." That argument has had its effect in most counties, and the negro is consenting to disfranchisement in the State convention this year in order to help defeat the amendment and get pie next year.

But the white folks are "on to" their scheme!

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**Girls Selling for 30 Cents in India.**  
Boston Dispatch, 16th.

The Rev. Rockwell Clancy, a missionary at Allahabad, who is visiting his brother in Medford, said last night:

"The condition of the famine-stricken India today is something perfectly awful to contemplate. I cannot tell anything about the number dying, but when I left Bombay last February there were 60,000,000 people suffering from famine and over 30,000,000 were in dire distress, and of these but 5,000,000 were receiving government aid.

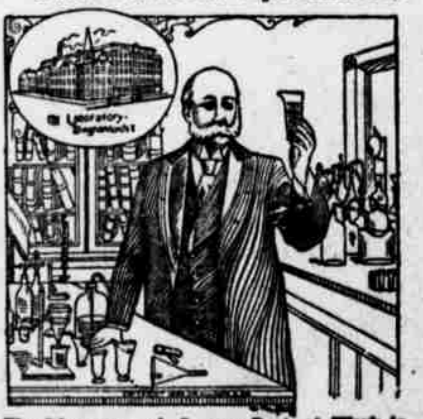
"It is not the cities but the country places which are stricken and when you know that it is mostly among the agricultural classes and that 80 per cent. of the population of India is made up of tillers of the soil, you may be able to grasp in some slight manner the extent of the suffering at the present time.

"When the famine set in the people began to sell everything they had that they might get a little grain for food. They took the doors from their houses and sold them; sold their furniture and farming utensils, and then when they had no longer any thing to sell they sold their children. The boys don't sell well, and the traffic is largely in girls.

"I saw girls in one town just before I came away being sold for 30 cents apiece. They were bought up by Mohammedans. But they won't buy the boys, so when the parents can no longer support their children they abandon them and henceforth they must get on as best they can. These cast-offs congregate about the doors of the grain merchants shops, and the only way the proprietors can get rid of them is to throw out handfuls of grain, scattering it wide. The children pick and pick all day and at night perhaps are awarded by having collected a single handful.

Little Brother (bed time)— "Why don't you take your stockings off?" Little Sister (whose mother buys the cheap black kind)— "I've dot all of 'em off 'at will come off."—Pittsburg Bulletin.

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