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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent

After making public his letter of acceptance, Mr. McKinley started for Canton again, via Somerset, Pa., where his niece will this week be married, for an indefinite stay. This either indicates that he understands what the powers are going to do in China, or that he is extremely negligent of American interests, as there is now no one in Washington to receive news from China, higher than an assistant Secretary.

Mr. McKinley's letter of acceptance is a most carefully prepared document, especially that portion of it that seeks to lull the public fears of imperialism. It misses none of the usual arguments in favor of expansion, and either omits entirely or glosses over the acts of imperialism of which the administration has been guilty. That portion of it dealing with the country's prosperity is not so carefully put together, and will surely arouse smiles of incredulity among the well-informed, who know that it is Providence and not the republican administration, which has given the country bountiful crops and that wars and not the republican administration, have largely increased the volume of money in circulation and thus helped along prosperity at this time at the expense of the future tax payers.

Charges of the most serious nature against the Quartermaster-General's office, made by Mr. J. O. Cole, who voluntarily left a position therein and whose standing and responsibility are vouched for by Senator Mason, have been pigeon-holed for months, by the War Department, and not even a pretense of an investigation made, although the charges were specific as to time, nature, and by whose orders the wrongdoing was perpetuated. Following is a quotation from a statement just made by the man who preferred the charges: "The water transportation business, as conducted in the Quartermaster General's office contains the record of the most shameful waste and misuse of public funds during the Spanish war. It shows how the government has been robbed in different ways of sums of money, as compared with which the amount involved in the Cuban postal frauds are a mere bagatelle, and brands with deplorable incompetency the army officers directly connected with them. An investigation will also show raceality some where." When asked why these charges had been so completely ignored, an official of the War Department said that no attention had been paid to them because they were regarded as merely the spite work of a disgruntled ex-employee, seeking to get even with somebody for some personal grievance. However, that will hardly be the view that Congress will take of the charges, which

Mr. Cole says will be brought up early in the coming session.

Those who are well informed, politically, know that Mr. McKinley owes his election to the gold democrats. That is why the accumulating evidence that the bulk of the gold democratic vote is going to be cast for Bryan and Stevenson this year is so disturbing to the McKinley managers. They know that the gold democrats have it in their power to elect the democratic ticket. Until within the past week, the republicans have denied that Col. Bryan would get the support of the gold democrats of prominence, but since the publication of letters over their own signature, of two members of the Cleveland Cabinet—Olney and Wilson—declaring in favor of the election of Bryan and Stevenson as a necessity to head off the imperialistic plans of the McKinleyites, they are doing a discussion on the subject. The close relations known to exist between Messrs. Olney and Wilson and Mr. Cleveland, makes it regarded as probable that Mr. Cleveland will also declare for Bryan and Stevenson, before the campaign gets much older.

Mr. Joseph Daniels, National Committeeman from North Carolina, says the talk indulged in by some republicans of that state casting its electoral vote for McKinley, is an iridescent dream. "North Carolina's electoral votes" he added, "will be cast for Bryan and Stevenson. The majority will not be as large as in the recent state election, when it was 60,000, but it will be large. One of the Maryland callers at Democratic Congressional Headquarters said: "Maryland is going democratic. Everybody who lives in the state and mingles with his neighbors knows this. This is not because of the democratic party in Maryland; still less is this condition due to any democratic politician. The people have just risen. Politicians who are personally hostile to Mr. Bryan have had to run to keep up with the people. The people are not with them. They are just trying this year to stay with the people. They saw the drift of public opinion and they hustled to get out of the wet. They would not have it said that Maryland should go democratic without their resistance. It would ruin them politically."

A Word to Mothers.

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News and Observer.

The republican orators, from ranting Roosevelt down to the smallest spouter think they are smart when in answer to the democratic argument against imposing a government on the Filipinos without their consent, they reply that the disfranchisement of the ignorant negroes in North Carolina is imposed a government upon them without their consent. And they act as if they had effectually answered the argument against the Philippine "criminal aggression." One of these little whipper-snappers who thought he would say something smart, interrupted Mr. Bryan in a speech in Chicago by asking: "How about the situation in North Carolina?" Mr. Bryan's reply was conclusive. Quick as a flash the great Nebraskan said:

"Let the race question which has brought us so much trouble be a warning to you not to bring another race question into this country; and we do not have to go to North Carolina either, for we have it right here in Illinois and in Ohio."

Mr. Bryan voices Southern as well as Northern sentiment when he declares that "the race question which has brought so much trouble here" should "be a warning to you not to bring another race question into this country." This is one of the strongest arguments that can be made against imperialism. It was "the race question" that was the indirect or direct cause of the war, and it has been "the race question" that has been a menace and a trouble since reconstruction. The Southern people, who have been most troubled about it, have cried out for thirty years: "Who shall deliver us from the body of this death?" The negroes, not responsible for their presence here and often the innocent cause of trouble, have been perplexed to know which way to turn. Every few years somebody has announced a solution of the question, but time has proved that the remedy was temporary. Even now with restricted suffrage, dependent upon education almost like the Massachusetts law, while there is confidence in a temporary release from the troubles in the race question, wise men look into the future and see that it is not a permanent end to the "trouble." With a sincere desire to improve the conditions and do justice to the negro, the Southern people are doing what seems wisest to them. They crave the confidence and assistance of their countrymen in all sections. Since the trouble at Pana, Ill., Akron, Ohio, and New York, the good people of those States will see a new phase of the situation and be disposed to be helpful and tolerant of the South as it honestly tries in honor and in justice to solve the most difficult problem ever presented to man for solution.

In view of the "trouble" from the "race issue," why

should we wish to invite another and a worse trouble in the Philippines? So far we have not shown that we are capable of settling race questions. Why should we seek to try new and difficult ones until we have solved the one at our door? "Beginning at Jerusalem" was the direction to the apostles when they went out to preach the gospel. This government should show its fitness for solving race problems before it seeks to govern 8,000,000 Asiatics.

In the islands of Hawaii there is suffrage limited to the few. The Republicans denied the right to vote to virtually all the native negroes there but Roosevelt abuses the Southern States for doing the same thing in the South. And he wants to add an hundred more islands inhabited by inferior races, in order to give the right to the few to govern the many.

We have had trouble enough with one race problem. Why enter upon a worse one?

When Negro Suffrage Touches Home.

Atlanta Constitution.

It might be well for those in the north who are criticizing the recent act of North Carolina to remember some suggestive facts.

When the question of negro suffrage—after the war and before the adoption of the fifteenth amendment—was a local question for the States of the North, many of them answered the question with a decided negative.

Connecticut, in 1865, gave a majority against it of 6,272. Kansas voted in the same way in 1867, by a majority of 8,638, and Minnesota by 1,293. In October, '67, Ohio gave a constitutional majority against negro suffrage of 50,629. New York rejected the proposal of negro suffrage for the third time as late as 1868 by more than a 40,000 majority.

Here was the attitude of the people of these States on this question when negro suffrage was an issue concerning themselves alone.

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On the same day that the so called Populists in Raleigh were approving everything Republican from the gold standard to imperialism, the vice chairman of the Populist National committee was rejoicing in the fact that the republicans have sustained heavy losses in Maine and Vermont, and rejoicing that this indicates Bryan's election. The Nebraskan is not in the pay of the republicans.

—News and Observer.

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Wisdom of Confucius

Chicago News.

Here are a few of the most notable and quotable maxims of Confucius:

"To confess your ignorance is knowledge.

Past things do not grieve far. Which might well be the proverbial prognitor of our own homlier sayings as to the inutility of grieving over spilled milk.

To have a friend come from a distance—is it not delightful?

The honorable man has nothing about which he quarrels.

Reflect perpetually. This would be a good motto for a mirror.

Have no friend unlike your self.

Rotten wood is unfit for carving.

A cornered vessel without its corners; how is it then a cornered vessel?

The general of a large army you may overcome, but you cannot overcome the determined mind of a peanut.

There is a hint, far-away-down-the-ages tinge of a present day about the following:

Without having filled the seat of a magistrate, a man is unable to advise about his concerns.

When a man is near death, his counsel is virtuous. (This is somewhat suggestive of a familiar but reprehensible conplet beginning, "When the devil was sick.")

A rule—and a good rule—for judging a man from a final point of view is given here:

In three years (that is three years from his father's death if there be no deviation from his father's way, the man is a dutiful son.

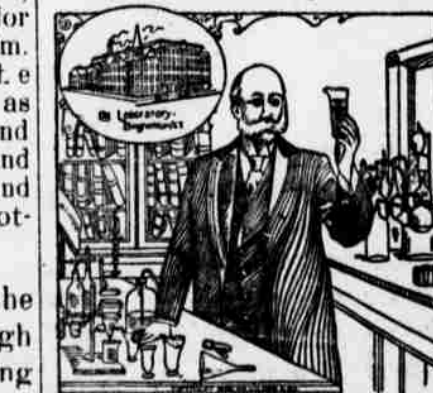
If you advise a friend he will avoid you (more particularly if you follow up your advice by reminding him that 'you told him so.')

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