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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent

How democrats in Congress feel toward the proposition to reduce Southern representation in Congress and in the electoral college, which is being urged by quite a number of republicans, may be judged from these remarks of Senator Money: "If an attempt is made to reduce the Congressional representation from the South, I, for one, will be willing to talk from the 3rd day of December to noon on the 4th day of March. It won't be wind, either. It will be a speech worth listening to. I have been preparing for this fight for some time. If the republicans attempt that reduction, they might as well prepare for an extra session of Congress. They will not pass their shipping bill, nor, indeed, anything else in the way of legislation." Every democratic Senator and Representative, who have been in Washington, holds practically the same sentiments that Senator Money expressed. Leading republicans, who see danger in the matter, are trying to stop the talk among the small fry about forcing this sort of legislation through Congress by reminding them of the republican defeat which followed the attempts to jam the notorious Force bill through Congress.

It seems that the public is not to be allowed to get on the inside of whatever crookedness there has been in handling Cuban money, in addition to the known stealings of the Neely gang, if the Senate Committee on relations with Cuba, or rather the republican members of that committee, can prevent it, even when there is no campaign going on to be affected. It was known, and stated in this paper, that the committee would make no pretense even of acting until after the election, but it was not believed that the committee would decline to act at all. Yet, that is what many are saying and the talk seems to be justified. The Committee held a secret meeting, after which Senator Platt, of Conn., its Chairman, refused to even allow one of the newspaper men, waiting outside the committee room, to read any of the information furnished by the War Department, on the expenditures and receipts in Cuba, on the ground that the information was "not complete," and stated that the committee had adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman, and that he didn't know when there would be another meeting.

If Secretary Gage represents the republican financial policy, and the fact that he has been asked by Mr. McKinley to remain at the head of the Treasury Department during the next administration is good evidence that he does, a movement for the absolute retirement not only of the greenbacks, but of all the paper money issued by the government,

may be expected in the near future, although the intention to do so was most vigorously denied by many republicans, during the recent campaign. Mr. Gage's position has been pretty generally known for some time, and he has just emphasized it in a lecture on Finance, in which he said: "The public Treasury is a poor agency for issuing paper money."

There is considerable gossip in Washington concerning the candidacy for the Senate, from Nebraska, of Assistant Secretary Meiklejohn. He spent the greater part of the campaign on the stump instead of in the War Department, and now he is likely to spend more time in Nebraska than in Washington, until the Senators are elected while his salary goes right along. In addition to being allowed to neglect his official duties, Mr. Meiklejohn wants the administration to back his candidacy for the Senate. If Mr. McKinley does that, Nebraskans in Washington say he will raise the biggest sort of a row among republicans of the State.

Another official postponement of the bringing of the volunteers home from the Philippines has been announced, which is directly contrary to all the ante-election promises. It is now said that they will not begin bringing them back before the first of January, and possibly not before the first of March. If not until the latter date, it will be very doubtful whether they will all get back before the expiration of their term of enlistment, July 1, 1901, although War Department officials claim that they can all be brought back within four months, if necessary. If so, they will be brought back much quicker than they were carried.

Senator Harris, of Kansas, said one of the bills which Boss Hanna has slated to go through at this session of Congress: "There is much opposition in the West to the Ship-Subsidy Bill. If the ship yards are so prosperous as we are led to believe, there is no need for them to receive subsidies. In any event the farmers of the West object to being taxed for the support of the shipping interests."

At the last session of Congress, the republicans would have been entirely satisfied to increase the regular army to 100,000 men, but now a lot of them are seriously talking about making the army bill which they intend putting through at this session, provide for 150,000 men or more. The re-election of Mr. McKinley and the election of a big majority in the next House seems to have turned the heads of many republicans, and the leaders of that party are going to have a hard job to keep them from going beyond all bounds in the legislation at this session.

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He Died Decently.

New York Herald. For weeks and weeks Tom Sheppard had been a sick man at our mining camp at Black Bear valley. Everybody felt sorry for him, and yet a sick man in a mining-camp was a great inconvenience and a burden. One day Judge Watkins went up to see him, and after finding him no better and no worse than he had been for many weeks, he said:

"Tom, I don't want to seem cold-hearted about this thing, but the boys are beginning to wonder why you don't die or get well."

"Yes, I reckon they are," replied Tom, "and you kin tell 'em I'm goin' to die."

"Do you feel it's for the best, Tom?"

"I do. I ain't got much to live for, and might as well peg out now as any other time. I've been waitin' for a week or two."

"Waitin'! For what?"

"For to die decently. I'm no lord or duke, but I want things fixed up in good shape. I want to be washed up, shaved, hev my hair cut, and get into some decent duds, and I won't die till I do."

The judge told the boys what was required, and that afternoon two or three of 'em knocked off work and fixed Tom up. A shirt was borrowed of one, a coat of another, a vest of another, and by and by the sick man was rigged out in the best the camp afforded. When all this had been done, he said: "Now, then, I feel more like dyin', but there's one more thing I want. I want Joe Billings to come up with his fiddle and play me a few tunes."

"But Joe's mighty busy to day," protested one of the men.

"Can't help that. He either comes or I don't die. I'm goin' out of this camp in decent shape or hang right on for the next three months!"

Joe was sent for, and after considerable kicking he got his fiddle and went up to Tom's shanty. Tom was propped up in bed and waiting, and Joe sat down and gave him the "Old Oaken Bucket," "Old Folks at Home," "Nellie Gray," and half a dozen other well known airs. He had been playing for an hour, his eyes on the hills opposite, when Judge Watkins looked in, and said: "Cut it off, Joe—Tom's dead!"

And so he was, and when the boys came to observe the pleased and contented look on his face, they were agreed that he had died decently, and been given a fair start on his way.

Banker Routs a Robber.

J. R. Garrison, Cashier of the Bank of Thornville, Ohio, had been robbed of health by a serious lung trouble until he tried Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption. Then he wrote: "It is the best medicine I ever used for a severe cold or a bad case of lung trouble. I always keep a bottle on hand." Don't suffer with coughs, colds, or any throat, chest or lung trouble when you can be cured so easily. Only 50c. and \$1. Trial bottles free at Blackburn's.

Mr. Watterson on Bryan.

Louisville Courier-Journal.

It is in the nature of a disaster for a man to be twice beaten for the presidency of the United States. But in the case of Mr. Bryan, the twice-defeated candidate has to endure the double hardship of having no one to blame but himself, for he was the architect and builder of the campaign from first to last. He knows now, when it is too late, what was clearly seen and earnestly proclaimed long ago by thoughtful and deserving men, to wit, that the ruling elements of the country were so convulsed by the campaign of 1896 as to make a reversal of the verdict on the same lines of battle in 1900 wholly impossible.

It was indeed inspiring to see and to hear Mr. Bryan. Never did knight-errant ride more gallantly. Never did orator plead more gloriously. Yet after the Indianapolis speech, which was a truly great one, it may be seriously doubted whether Mr. Bryan did not lose votes every time he opened his mouth; for in this the American people seem fixed, that in presidential candidates they require dignity, they demand reserve, resenting the declamatory blandishments even of a Clay, of a Blaine and of a Bryan. Such things may be "splendid," as was said of Cardigan's famous charge, "but they are not war—they are not politics."

Let us turn away from the darker side of the page of contemporary history to the brighter on which is emblazoned that inspiring legend, "Never give up the ship!"

A Plain Answer.

Lord Palmerston was once addressing an audience at Tiverton when he was interrupted by a loud-voiced opponent, who demanded, with intense earnestness:

"Will my lord give a plain answer to a plain question?"

"Certainly, with great pleasure," was the courteous reply.

"Will my lord tell us whether he will or will not vote for a radical reform measure?"

The audience smiled. There was a popular agitation in favor of a new reform bill, and Lord Palmerston had shown a disposition to evade the issue, and not to commit himself on one side or the other. His reply came without a trace of embarrassment, but slowly, one word at a time:

"I will—"

The Liberals began to cheer wildly.

"Not—" was the next word, and the Conservatives took up the applause with a counter-chorus.

"Tell you," concluded the orator, with an innocent smile on his face. Then every one laughed, and there was hearty cheering over the wily old statesman's ingenuity in securing recognition and applause from each party, and in the end saying nothing.—Youth's Companion.

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The man who asks God for his daily bread will not be asleep in the shade when he ought to be out in the field at work.

He who lets the offering basket go by may have less cause to blush than he who tries to make a nickel ring like a dollar.

Men of the strongest denominational convictions often are found feeling for the smallest denomination in their pockets at the collection.

A doctor's hood will do a fool no good.

A collection is often a selection of diminutives.

The world is a hotel and not a home to the Christian.

There is no breath perfume like heavenly conversation.

Expansion in soul is one of the laws of the heaven of Christ.

The good seeds that fall of fruit are but a reproach to the soil.

A man must be great in soul before God can give him great service.

On the Delectable mountains the higher you go the less the frost and snow.

Helping others is the best self-help.

Priest and pastor are far from synonyms.

If you give the devil nothing to devour he will soon depart.

The saloon is the devil's bank.

Wild oats will yield wheat.

Hell is to see heaven but not to get it.

A cocked hat just fits a lopsided brain.

Hypocrisy is treachery coated with respectability.

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