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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent

There is a war on between the men who bossed Mr. McKinley's campaign and Mr. McKinley's cabinet. The men who bossed the campaign compelled the republicans on the House Ways and Means Committee to make a reduction of 25 cents net a barrel in the beer tax, although it made the total of the Revenue Reduction bill, now before the House, exceed \$40,000,000, instead of keeping it inside \$30,000,000 as recommended by Mr. McKinley. The cabinet objects and has been even talking of fighting the bosses in Congress, but a word from Mr. McKinley will probably result in making it plain to them that the bosses are not doing more than they were bound to do. One republican, speaking of cabinet kicks, said: "Why instead of kicking, these men ought to be thankful that the brewers are not demanding the \$1 a barrel reduction they were led to believe before the election, that they would get; these men in the Cabinet would know a whole heap more about practical politics if they would work for a while with men who raise the money for a national campaign. Of course, Mac will quiet them; he knows." Some are predicting that the bill will be allowed to fail in the Senate. Representative Richardson presented the minority report on the Revenue Reduction bill. It does not oppose any of the reductions made, but favors a more extensive reduction in war taxes.

The Senate has always been an extravagant body, especially in its expenditures for its own luxury, and the fact that the Committee on Finance has just paid \$4,709 for refurbishing and redecorating the room in which it meets, shows that it is growing more so.

It was an unexpectedly large majority—189 to 92—that the House gave the Grout-Oleomarjarine bill. Political lines were drawn at all. If any line was drawn, it was the agricultural against the manufacturing.

That everything is being done that can possibly influence votes for the Ship Subsidy bill, is apparent to everybody. Even the bidding for the construction of the six armored cruisers and the five battle ships authorized at the last session of Congress, was utilized for that purpose. In order to create the impression in Congress that the shipyards of the country were all on the hunt for work, which the Ship Subsidy bill would give them if enacted into a law, these schemers had a whole lot of small fry establishments, which would be taxed to their utmost capacity to build a light draft gun boat, put in bids for cruisers and battleships.

Senators are not showing much anxiety to rush the Army Reorganization bill through the Senate, which was rail-

roaded through the House last week. To give the Senate republicans a chance to rush it, the House leaders made the bill a substitute for one that was passed by the Senate at the last session. The Senate could have sent the bill to a Conference at once, but it didn't. The bill was referred to the Military Committee, and Senator Hawley, Chairman of that Committee, says the usual routine will be followed in the consideration of the bill which began today. The anti-canteen amendment, adopted by the House to please the W. C. T. U. is already being made the basis of much contention. The changes favor its being struck out by the Senate.

The story of Rathbone's extravagance with Cuban funds, which was quite as disgraceful as Neeley's stealings, is fully told in a pamphlet of 292 pages, now in the hands of the Senate Committee on Relations with Cuba. Although Rathbone paid the money out on vouchers, they were vouchers which he knew that no honest auditing officer would pass. In fact, vouchers amounting to \$69,619.21 have been thrown out by the auditors because of the nature of the goods for which they charged, such as \$110 a month for rent for coachman's house, enameled bath-tub and other house fitting for one Madam Jorrius and household furniture and furnishings of all kinds, including such items as "lining furniture with brocade silver and gold," and harness and other stable paraphernalia. Although these vouchers have been disallowed, the money had already been paid from the Cuban funds. It will in common honesty have to be made good, as well as the Neeley stealing, and it is likely that the task of making good will fall entirely on the United States, as there is no probability of recovering any considerable sum either from Rathbone or Neeley.

Senator Teller, struck those who believe or pretend to believe that we cannot construct the Nicaragua Canal without the consent of Great Britain, a solar plexus blow when he said in a speech advocating action on the part of the United States that would be absolutely independent of England, that to ask England's assent to the construction of the canal was to admit that that country had a right to express its dissent. He warned the Senate that such a position would not be accepted by the people of this country. At the last session of Congress the administration demanded the ratification of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty without amendment. Now, its personal representatives in the Senate, gladly agree to having a vote taken on the Davis amendment, which provides that nothing in the treaty "shall apply to measures which the United States will find it necessary to take for securing by its own forces

the defense of the United States and the maintenance of public order," next Thursday, when they know that it will be adopted. The administration is now willing to accept the amendment simply because it knows that the treaty could not be ratified without it.

The Skeptic and the Italian Girl.

She sat behind her neatly-arranged fruit stand—a girl of fourteen—absorbed in reading her Bible. She did not hear the footsteps of a gentleman who was passing by; and was startled by his question, "What are you reading that interests you so much?"

She timidly replied: "The Word of God, sir."

"Who told you that the Bible is the Word of God?" he inquired.

"God told me Himself," she replied, with child-like innocence.

"God told you! Impossible! How did He tell you? You have never seen Him, nor talked with Him. How, then, could He tell you that the Bible is His Word?"

For a few seconds the girl seemed confused and was silent. The man, who was a skeptic, and took delight in undermining the faith of people in the Scriptures, felt confident that he had confounded the simple hearted girl. She soon recovered herself, and her ready wit came to her aid.

There was a flash in her dark eyes as she asked: "Sir, who told you there is a sun yonder in the blue sky above us?"

"Who told me?" said the man, smiling somewhat contemptuously, for he fancied that the girl was trying to hide her ignorance under an irrelevant question. "Who told me? Nobody; I don't need to be told. The sun tells this about itself. It warms me, and I love its light. That is telling enough."

"Sir," cried the girl, with intense earnestness, as she stood before him with clasped hands, "you have put it right for both Bible and sun. That is the way God tells me this is His book. I read it, and it warms my heart and gives me light. I love its light, and no one but God can give such light and warmth through the pages of a book. It must be His. I don't want more telling; that's telling enough, sir. As sure as the sun is in heaven, so sure is God shining through this book."

The skeptic was abashed. The earnest faith of the young fruit seller amazed him. He could almost insinuate doubts into the minds of those who have only given an intellectual assent to the truth that the Bible is God's book, but the girl's heart experience of the power of God's Word was an evidence he could not shake. —Messiah's Herald

Under the proposed subsidy bill, the entire cost of building a big steamship will be returned to its owners within ten years as subsidy, leaving all the income from it to be paid as profits after the operating expenses have been deducted.

COUNTY EXHIBIT.

(Continued from last week.)

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To Disfranchise the Negro.

Asheville Citizen.

The state of Virginia is now considering the matter of disfranchising her illiterate blacks. The Richmond correspondent of the New York Sun says: "It is understood that Senator Daniel has drafted a measure which will be on the line of exempting from disfranchisement all persons or the descendants of all persons who have served their state in war. The object of this would, of course, be to take in all illiterate Confederates and their descendants, while the provisions under which it would be done would be broad enough to admit the veterans of all wars, white and black."

It is said that Senator Daniel's idea is to avoid some of the alleged dangers of the North Carolina suffrage amendment. If such is the fact, we fail to see where his proposition will improve the situation. The North Carolina plan is invincible unless the courts essay to consider the intent of the measure. Should this be done the Virginia scheme does not appear to improve on that recently ratified by the people of this State. The object of both is to disfranchise the ignorant negro without touching the illiterate white man. If the courts will hold that a measure is void because they believe it was intended to do something prohibited by the federal constitution, notwithstanding the fact that it does not do so in express terms, then Senator Daniel's proposition would go down with ours.

But it is contrary to common sense to suppose that any court would assume to take such a position as this. Courts do not consider intentions. They must pass upon measures in accordance with what they say.

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