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### WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Imitation is the merest flat tory. Remembering that Abraham Lincoln was on the south balcony of the White House when he received the announcement of his nomination President Roosevelt waked out upon the south balcony to receive the news of his nomination at Chicago as the tenth successor of the distinguished rail splitter. There his most intimate friends found him clothed and in his right mind. When five minutes later newspaper men crowded around him he said: "Now boys, remember that this is Executive Session," meaning of course that the natural and reasonable exhilarations of the occasion were not to be too literally reported. Thereupon he quite laid aside the little show of dignity which he has sometimes found it expedient to assume, gave and took butter and badinage, and became for a short time a boy among the boys. Whatever else may be said about the President, it is conceded that he is a natural man with no trivial affectations. He was much gratified at the assurance that it was the first time in the country's history when candidates for President and vice president received every vote of a nominating convention.

I called yesterday on Congressman Cowherd, running the Democratic National Campaign from the Riggs House, to hear what he had to say about the Republican platform. "What has become of the party's courage?" he asked. On some of the greatest questions its tongue is paralyzed. Isn't the labor question conspicuously before the country? The platform says not a word about it. What is going to be done with the Philippines? The Republican platform does not list a syllable? Has the tariff ceased to be an issue? The platform makes no promise about it except that it will be diminished or increased whenever its political guardians think fit. Of the gross post office corruptions it merely says our administration of the great departments of the government has been honest." The subject of statehood is not mentioned in the platform, although four inchoate states with a million and a half population are knocking at the door. Is that an attractive platform?"

The forty Filipinos have come and gone. They have been hailed and lunched by the President, effusively greeted by his subordinates, lifted to the top of the monument and carried through the public buildings, and have hastened on to other cities. I inquired his impressions from Major-General Birney, son of that James G. Birney who made the free-soil run for President in 1844 and only survivor of four brothers who fought in the Union army. He said "They look'd just about like the same number of intelligent persons from our states on

an excursion to the capital for pleasure and instruction. If they are representatives of their people, we owe more respect to the Filipinos than we have yet shown. If the President of the Fair at St. Louis would devise a plan to make our people acquainted with these men instead of exhibiting a lot of savage Igorotes at the Pike, he would acquire much merit. A score of Digger Indians caught in the Band Lands of the West would represent our native population as well as those Igorotes represent the Filipinos."

I asked: "what do you think of their speeches?" "They were respectable," he said, "but not remarkable for originality or force. They were about what would be expected of guests whose bills were paid by their entertainers and who would naturally avoid unpleasant topics. They were as polite as Spaniards."

"Don't you suppose their reports will do good in the archipelago?" I asked "Perhaps by giving the people their more definite ideas of the extent, power, wealth, and industrial resources of this country. I don't know that the reports will make them more friendly to us. They don't fight us as they did. Chains don't hurt so much when they are worn smooth. But no subjugated nation loves its masters, The Boers and Hindoos do not love the British; nor do the Finns love the Russians, or the Filipinos the Americans. Warships and rapid fire guns maintain what is called peace. No Filipino rebels unless he has made his will, but the spirit of independence is there and would blaze up if a favorable occasion offered. Without battleships and Gatlings they are helpless; but if a powerful nation should offer them such facilities of defence and offence, I think they would raise rebellion from the north end of Luzon to the southern corner of the Sulu possessions. If Japan, for instance, shall be victorious over Russia, what will be likely to happen? I don't know; but it is a question worth thinking about, while we are execrating Russia and calling down curses on the head of the Czar."

Cortelyou's Department of Commerce and Labor is trying hard to find out which of its officials are directly responsible for the General Slocum holocaust in the East River. There is no disguising the fact that the blame is upon some of Cortelyou's inspectors. But when they are punished, if such consummation can be hoped for, some blame will still rest upon Congress itself. The most astounding revelations in connection with it is the provision of law which pays inspectors according to the number of steamboats they are able to certify to having examined in a year! Of course this is a direct incentive to carelessness and utter recklessness. It offers a premium for perjury and a prize for neglect of duty. This

law inspectors who do not inspect are paid three times as much as those who do, on the sole condition that they are ready and expert liars. What kind of Congressman were they who enacted such a law?

At the beginning of the school vacation this week a murmur goes through the city protesting against such a short school year. Allowing for holidays, national and optional, school is held only about one-half of the days in the year. At this there is an indignant remonstrance rising. It is felt that children have their feet in the road altogether too much and that the sympathy of overworked student has been altogether overdone. No other working people in the world have so many holidays in the year with pay as the school-teachers and it is strongly felt that the children are running too much and studying too little. A revolution in this matter is at hand.

#### M. B. BLACKBURN

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The Washington Post has this caustic comment on the Roosevelt negro policy: "Lily White Republicans have been given to understand that they are just as good as negroes so long as they behave themselves and vote the ticket."

Which is respectfully referred to ex-Judge W. S. O'B Robinson.

#### BRUTALLY TORTURED.

A case came to light that for persistent and unmerciful torture has perhaps never been equaled: Joe Golobick of Colusa, Calif. writes: "For 15 years I endured insufferable pain from rheumatism and nothing relieved me though I tried every thing known. I came across Electric Bitters and it's the greatest medicine on earth for that trouble. A few bottles of it completely relieved and cured me." Just as good for liver and kidney troubles and general debility. Satisfaction guaranteed by M. B. Blackburn.

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#### The Shoe on the Other Foot.

Atlanta Constitution.  
In the stress and storm of the two last presidential campaigns, republican organs and political spell-binders made much use as an argumentative piece de resistance of the suggestion that, irrespective of issues, Mr. Bryan should be defeated because of the character of some of the support he received.

Developing this suggestion the long haired populists of the western states, the exploiters of various isms—sane or insane—add the "cranks" of all descriptions were featured as being truly representative of the character of the democratic army; and so persistently were the charges rung upon this alleged argument that thousands of timid voters in the close states were, on this account alone, induced to support the republican nominee.

How will it be in this years campaign?

This year it is Roosevelt who is the ideal of the cranks and will receive their support. The certainty that the democratic nominee will be a conservative is not relished by that class of howlers who would overturn the established order in a day, and to whom spectacularities makes its strongest appeal. Already we find such eminent relics of the old populism as Marion Butler and Peffer in the front ranks of the Rooseveltian admirers; Pettigrew is going as a delegate to the St. Louis convention, but with open threats of bolting in case the conservative element controls, and the lesser lights of the populistic, socialistic, anarchistic hosts are lining up in support of the republican party almost to a man.

The Mormon church has been swung into line by that eminent leader of Utah Republicanism, Reed Smoot. The open Advocates and defenders of polygamy, as well as the less frank, or more timid who deny the existence of the "sacred institution," are one in their enthusiasm over the prophet of the anti-race suicide propaganda.

And now comes Dowie—Elijah Second of Zion City—to raise his voice in the chorus of acclaim. The first act of this bowlegged and white whiskered captain general of the army of cranks upon his return to America is to land Roosevelt as the greatest living secular ruler and monarch, and to decree that his followers line up in the republican army. The sprinting stunts that Elijah was put to in Australia and in London acted as counterirritant upon the prophet, who returns to the land of his special graft shouting hosannas for the man most after his own heart—Roosevelt.

One and all the men of the Smoot Butler Dowie stripe will be found shouting for Roosevelt as the campaign progresses. What, then will the republican spellbinders do with the star arguments of 1896 and 1900? Forget them, of course. No man has as conveniently short a memory as you republican spell-

binder.

But will the people forget those arguments? Mr. Roosevelt and his managers doubt less hope so, but they may be disappointed.

## FEMALE WEAKNESS

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Wilhelmina Snow  
Treasurer, Portland Economic League

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