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WASHINGTON LETTER.
Regular Correspondence.

The head of the Roosevelt Cabinet has resigned and it may be said he has already begun his active work in the Senate for although he will be ineligible to a seat in that body until after the 4th of March, he has gone to Albany, New York, where before a body composed largely of Republican state legislators he made an address outlining his views on important basic political problems and stating specifically that he favored a parcels post. This statement coming from the successor of Senator Thomas Platt the President of a great express company and its representatives on the floor of the United States Senate is most significant. The State of New York has some distinguished men as representatives of the floor of the U. S. Senate, as Conkling and Stewart. It has never had a more experienced and thorough statesman than it will have in Senator Root.

But a little more than twenty working days of the present Congressional session remain and at a joint council of the controlling party of the House and Senate it has been agreed to confine legislation strictly to appropriation bills. The leaders or bosses of the Senate, Aldrich, Hale, Gallinger and Elkins insist that there is barely time for a consideration of the regular appropriations. The President and some of the members of the House are urging the passage of bills admitting Arizona and New Mexico to statehood but the controlling element in the Senate is not favorable to this measure. It has also been agreed that a special session for the consideration of tariff revision will be called for the tenth of March, or six days after inauguration. Of course Mr. Taft, who is now in Panama, will have the final say as to this date or another but members of the House and the Senate after consultation with Senator Knox who is to be the head of the Taft Cabinet have fixed upon March the tenth as a desirable early date to begin work on the bill. It is also predicted that the special session will probably adjourn before the first of July but there are those who say that it is more likely to be in session until the middle of the summer.

All the details of President Roosevelt's departure from Washington has been prearranged. He will as is customary ride with the President elect to the capitol and there witness the inauguration ceremonies and perhaps attract as much attention as his successor but he will not return from the Capitol to the White House. In this respect he will depart from an old precedent. He will as a private citizen drive from the Capitol immediately to the Union Station and take a train to Oyster Bay. There yet remain to him about twenty days of his remarkably strenuous term and the Navy Department just now is coming in for his reforming, or as the boss Senators of his party will perhaps put it "meddlesome and mischief-making activity." There is no doubt a great deal of milled red tape in use in the Navy Department. Its management is by a cumbersome and antiquated system. The President while Assistant Secretary of the Navy became aware of this and it is remarkable that he has put off changes and reconstruction until the last month of his term. Now however he seems determined to set the ball rolling with the assurance that his successor as the devisee of the Rooseveltian politics will carry this out also. It is to be hoped that he may.

With a man like Root in the Senate, himself well acquainted with the weakness and inefficiency of the clumsy naval establishment something may be established. But the present system is firmly entrenched in various navy yards scattered along the Atlantic coast from Portsmouth, Maine to New Orleans, and these navy yards are the strongholds of certain Senators and contain the machinery through which they keep their seats. Millions of dollars are yearly appropriated for navy yards at Portsmouth, Maine, Boston, Philadelphia, Charleston, Port Royal Key West, Pensacola and New Orleans. None of these navy yards have dry docks of sufficient capacity to repair large battle ships. They are all inaccessible for the reason that entrance to them is not deep enough to admit large sized battle ships but they receive, as I have said, yearly appropriations for maintenance and improvement which mean that a large number of employees under the patronage of the Senators from these states are there for useless work and expenditure. The navy yard for example at Portsmouth near the home of Senator Hale is unfit for building any but small sized ships such ships as are useless in modern naval warfare and are in themselves merely means of further expenditure in the consumption of food, fuel and wages. The navy yard at Mare Island, San Francisco is another case. Senator Perkins, of California, has secured thirteen millions of dollars for the improvement and maintenance of this navy yard although it is impossible to bring a battleship into it.

Soldier Balks Death Plot.
It seemed to J. A. Stone, a civil war veteran, of Kemp, Texas, that a plot existed between a desperate lung trouble and the grave to cause his death. "I contracted a stubborn cold" he writes, "that developed a cough that stuck to me, in spite of all remedies, for years. My weight ran down to 130 pounds. Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery, which restored my health completely. I now weigh 180 pounds." For Severe colds, obstinate Coughs, Hemorrhoids, Asthma, and to prevent Pneumonia, it's universal. 50 cents and \$1. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all druggists.

It is perfectly well known that judges notoriously shirk their work. They often take the slightest excuse for opening courts later than the day set, and it is more often a pull mell rush to get through so that they can get away to "attend to a little private business." If all the judges would do their duty as some of them do and try the cases that they put off either for their own convenience or on the frivolous requests of lawyers, there would be little congestion of dockets. Add to this the creation of a few local courts, to try minor cases, and there will be no need for more districts.—Monroe Enquirer.

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The Dog and Politician.
(Nashville Tennessean.)

Like the poor, the dog is always with us. The dog is a theme that attracts profound attention each two years as the time rolls on, and as long as there exists a conflict for supremacy between the sheep and the dogs the question will be unsettled. There are those who think there ought not to be any sheep, and there are others who think there should be no dogs. Still another class holds to the view that both the dogs and the sheep may be made to live together in peace. In the past it has been a hazardous venture for a legislator to champion a dog law, for the reason that more people were interested in dogs than in sheep. The question often came up, contests for the legislature between opposing candidates, and many a man has seen his support forsake him because of his advocacy of a radical dog law.

Many years ago a dog law of exacting and radical provisions was passed by the general assembly, and, being contested in the courts, and carried up to the highest tribunal in the state, and declared unconstitutional and void. After that the politicians shied at all mention of the difficult and annoying problem, for there seemed to be general rejoicing throughout the state that the faithful dog had rights that the courts recognized and defended.

While the rejoicing was going on there was a certain man, now distinguished, one of the foremost jurists of the state and occupying a place on the bench, who offered himself as a candidate for the legislature in one of the counties not far from here. He was making a vigorous campaign against two opponents and considerable interest was manifested throughout the county. All of the candidates had refrained from touching the dangerous theme. They dwelt in eloquence on the road law, the state debt and the battle of King's Mountain, but no mention was made of a dog law. Finally when the man who is now on the bench was in the midst of his speech the large and excited audience arose and propounded a very amazing and disturbing question, saying:

"How are you on the dog law?" The speaker raised himself to his full height and, with force of speech and earnestness of manner, said: "My countrymen, I favor a well regulated, constitutional dog law which would be just to the sheep and fair to the dog." With this exposition of the momentous question he swept the country, and subsequently he became a power in the state.

Washington Once Gave Up.
to three doctors; was kept in bed for five weeks. Blood poison from a spider's bite caused large, deep sores to cover his leg. The doctors failed, then "Bucklen's Aunty's Salve" completely cured me," writes John Washington, of Bosqueville, Tex. For eczema, boils, burns and piles its supreme, 25c at all druggists.

It is a pleasure to notice that the new county of Lee is taking great interest in educational matters. The public schools are splendidly organized and the teachers hold regular monthly meetings, half the expense being borne by the county and half by the teachers. If this worthy example were general adopted and properly carried out there would be great improvement in the grade of work accomplished in our public schools.—Topic.

Red Band Pure Scotch Snuff.

Mr. Taft Having His Fun.

Mr. Taft is fond of fun, some of which has a sting to it. It will be remembered that Mr. Holton wrote Mr. Butler a stinging letter about the Republican organ here and the cause of its trouble. Mr. Butler sent a copy of this letter to Mr. Taft and he sent it to Judge Adams here. All of this has been printed. Now comes some more of Mr. Taft's fun. When Judge Adams received this letter from the President-elect, he sat himself down and wrote him a long letter—several pages—giving his version of the difference between the 'party leaders' in the state. Then Mr. Taft promptly sent a copy of it to Mr. Butler and it is said Butler sent it to Holton. From all of which it is seen that Mr. Taft wants the whole push to know that he knows what kind of men they are.

It reminds us of an accident in Yadkin county a number of years ago. Three well known men joined a temperance organization. Another man a personal friend of the three, declined to join, telling them that they were not going to stick. One day he found all three in town. Taking one of them to one side he asked him if he wanted a good drink of brandy. He looked pleased and said yes. Then he sent him to his room to wait until he came up. Then he found another of the trio and sent him up. Later he found the third man and propounded the same question. He was likewise well pleased, but each man was anxious that the other should not know what was going on. Taking the last man by the arm he marched him to his room, where the other two were found; then drawing a jug from under the bed he placed it before them and every man took a drink. After it was over the "host" turned to them and said: "Now, you grand rascals, see what a set of hypocrites you are. Every blame one of you wanted a drink but didn't want the other to know it." Mr. Taft must have heard of this incident.—Greensboro Record.

Tell me not in mournful numbers that the town is full of gloom, for the man's a crank who slumbers in these bustling days of boom. Life is real, life is earnest, and the grave is not it's goal; every dollar that thou turnest helps to make the old town roll. But enjoyment and not sorrow is our destined end or way; if you have no money borrow—buy a corner lot each day! Lives of great men all remind us we can win immortal fame. Let us leave the chumps behind us and we'll get there just the same. In the world's broad battle, in the bivouac of life, let us make the dry bones rattle—buy a corner for your wife. Let us then be up and doing, with a heart for any fate; still achieving still pushing, booming early booming late.—Hickory Democrat.

The peach tree at the corner of this office which so copiously bloomed last week and gave such promise of luscious juicy returns, under the weather's supervision of the gulf stream, now looks as barren and bare as "Mother Hubbard's" historic cupboard under the weather regime of the groundhog. You can't safely "put airs" in face of the groundhog.—Wilksboro Chronicle.

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