

WASHINGTON LETTER.

[FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22, 1888.

Mr. Cleveland, it seems, is about to have another fight with the Republicans in the Senate. He has nominated Mr. Levi O. Bailey of Indianapolis, to be U. S. attorney for the district of Indiana, and the Republican Senators say they intend to reject him. The reason given for this is that Mr. Bailey made himself obnoxious personally to Mr. Harrison during the late campaign, but the real reason is, that Mr. Bailey as assistant attorney has been in charge of the judicial political investigation, which many republicans fear may put striped clothes upon some of their Indiana brethren, and if confirmed as Attorney would be prepared to push the case. The republicans figure that if they reject Bailey, and "hang up" any other nomination Mr. Cleveland may send in to fill the vacancy, the place can be kept open until Harris comes in, and that he can select a man who will not be laid upon the republican bribers who helped to carry Indiana for him.

The late Tribune rumor is that the Washington Post is to be purchased and run as a Blaine organ in order to help him control the next administration. I hope that it may turn out to be true, because if Blaine controls the columns of a newspaper, whether he goes into or remains out of Harrison's cabinet, he will make it lively for a great many republicans, and in making it lively for them he will furnish unlimited fun for the country at large.

The republican Senators have been making a strong pretense of being opposed to a Christmas recess. To make it more striking they even proposed that the Senate should meet daily at 11 o'clock, remaining in session until 5, then taking a recess until 8, this programme to be kept up until their tariff bill is passed. Of course such foolishness was opposed by the democrats, just as the republicans knew it would be. For the House had already passed a joint resolution to take a recess from to-day until January 4. The question will be settled in some way by the Senate to-day, but nobody has a doubt that the usual holiday recess will be taken.

Ex-Senator Mahone, of Virginia, scored another failure this week. He sent out invitations for a number of Southern Republicans to meet in conference here, his object being to get himself endorsed for a position in Harrison's cabinet. When the conference met it was soon learned that about three fourths of them were bitterly opposed to the little ex-senator, and it was so that he and his friends could do but prevent them from endorsing some other fellow.

A joint resolution re-affirming the "Monroe doctrine" in connection with the building of the Panama canal has been introduced in the Senate. In view of the report that the French Government would undertake to complete the Panama canal, such a resolution was needed, and the sooner it is unanimously passed the better.

Senator Call presented an impeachment from residents of Florida asking for the institution and maintenance in that State of a Federal system of quarantine. He also made a strong argument in favor of such a system.

Ex-Senator Warner Miller seems to be getting alarmed about his chance of getting into Harrison's cabinet. He was here this week, conferring with his friends in order to get them to bring their influence to bear on Senator Quay, who is said to favor Platt, in order to have him remain in control during his visit to Harrison. What success he met with, nobody knows, as Quay is one of the few men who do not announce beforehand what they intend doing. There is a belief here, however, that Quay will impress upon Harrison the necessity of providing for Platt, unless he wants to get a little taste of the G. R. R. Cooking business.

A curious thing happened here last week in connection with the Union Pacific Railroad bill. Mr. Ingalls having decided that the bill for the funding of the debt of that road had the right of way, to the exclusion of everything else at the tariff bill is displaced of C. P. Huntington, president of the Central and Southern Pacific railroads, came here and held a consultation with certain Senators, whom rumor says he controls. The next day Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, introduced a bill which is particularly favorable to the Central and Southern roads. And now some people are uncharitable enough to say that Mr. Huntington wrote the bill which Senator Mitchell introduced.

Witty Twinklings.

The Charleston News and Courier discusses elaborately the proposition, "What the Girls Need!" who everybody knows that all the industrious ones need ought.

Our funny man, referring to the popularity of the territory of Dakota with politicians of both parties, says Dakota will soon be felt at Washington Set 'em up!

STATE TID-BITS.

A Glance at the News Found in North Carolina Papers.

The Henderson News has suspended.

Governor Seales favors a railroad commission.

The re-opening of the Egypt coal mine has been begun.

A mule thief has been captured in Charlotte; also an x thief in Newbern.

Charlotte has perfected a musical organization—the Philharmonic Society.

Thomas Brewer, of Chatham county, has been stricken with paralysis, we learn from the Home.

Passenger trains on the Seaboard Air Line, going North, will take dinner at K. Rell instead of Cary.

W. H. King, formerly of Oxford, has bought Dr. J. C. Walt's interest in the drug business of McGee & Walton, Raleigh.

Mrs. Kate McDuffie of Fayetteville, fell an entire flight of steps and was picked up unconscious. Her collar bone was broken. She is now doing well.

The Gull Leaf is seven years old. Yes; we bear testimony to the fact that it has done excellent work for Henderson; earnest, faithful, hard work. It is well edited and deserves a long life of the greatest success.

The Argus, speaking of Rev. J. T. Harris, presiding elder of the Durham district, says: "Mr. Harris made many sincere friends in Goldsboro during his four years ministerial duties in our midst, and their best wishes go with him to his new field of usefulness."

The Visitor says that Ellis & Brown, dealers in groceries just west of Raleigh, have made an assignment to W. H. Pace. Liabilities about \$3,500; assets about \$4,000. Their connections had expired and thought this course the best in order to wind up business.

The handsome residence of Will McLean, at Gastonia, was burned to the ground, with nearly all of its effects, Tuesday morning. Accidental. Mrs. McLean was very low at the time, and friends were watching by her bedside when the fire occurred. She was hastily removed, and is now said to be in a dying condition. We gather these facts from the Charlotte News.

An employee in a Washington store a few days since purchased a dollar battery clock, but his conscience troubled him and he got a friend to take the clock off his hands. The clock drew \$7,500, and now the man's conscience still troubles him.

Graded School Report.

DURHAM, N. C., DEC. 21.

TO THE GRADED SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Gentlemen.—The following facts constitute my fourth monthly report of this scholastic year.

HONOR ROLL.

Misses Daisy Adams, Mittie Carlton, Bessie Moring, Lola Rogers, Willie Williams, Bessie Battle, Eva Arlton, Blanche Morgan, Katie Stevon, Blanche Ferrell, Minnie Happer, Eagle Peterson, Annie Rawls, Lizzie Taylor, Rosa Lee, Ceelia Crews, Mamie Croam, Lizzie Guthrie, Maud Morgan, Mollie Ray, Hattie Vickers, Bessie Whitaker, Bertha Bradshaw, Alice Cuts, Katie Brandon, Lenora Brandon, Fannie Couch, Josie Dunn, Lula Johnson, Celia Summerfield, Maggie Jordan, Daisy Lee, Alva Puryear, Bertha Puryear, Leslie Williams, Leslie Word, Minnie Williams, Sadie Woods, Ida Younger.

Misses Edward Carr, Ernest Green, Geo. Woodward, William Saunders, John Bain, John Hoverson, John Foster, Balford Barham, Henry Highsmith, Bertam Freeman, Dodge Rogers, Sherwood Lewter, Walker Saunders.

ATTENDANCE.

Senior Class, Prof. T. J. Simmons, 93.213; Junior Class, Prof. T. J. Simmons, 94.174; Sophomore Class, Prof. J. S. Beatty, 94.160; Freshman Class, Miss L. B. Saunders, 97.516; Fifth Grade, Mrs. A. W. Jordan, 89.739; Fourth Grade, Miss J. Lovell, 94.564; Third Grade, Miss J. H. McCall, 87.772; Second Grade, Miss A. West, 95.812; First Grade, Miss F. Fanning, 91.296.

No pupils enrolled, 374. Respectfully submitted, E. W. KENNEDY, Sup't.

An Improvement.

A force of workmen commenced the other morning, laying a plank walk-way from the Lynchburg and Durham railroad depot to the street car track, on Floyd street.

We now hope the Council, at next meeting, will take the necessary steps to have the flagging continued along Twelfth street to its terminus. The freight business of the Lynchburg and Durham is steadily increasing, and our merchants who have hauling to do are complaining of the condition of Twelfth street after every rain.—Lynchburg Advance.

Henderson Gold Leaf: Darcey Battle is the Bill Nye of North Carolina, says the Tarbo or Southern, Yea, and Jim Robinson is the Bob Burdette. But where is the Henry Blount outside of Wilson?

WHY A BOOT SHINES.

A Scientific Explanation Suited to Everyone's Understanding.

Albany Telegram.

"Did it ever occur to you?" said a chemist, "what a remarkable and unique process the blacking of boots is! You see we smear the boot with a preparation of boneblack, which is entirely devoid of lustre, and then, by the friction of a dry brush, make it shine like the sun. There is not another process like this anywhere in the arts, so far as I know, and I never read anywhere any scientific explanation of the process. I have a theory of my own, however, which I will give you for what it is worth. The key to the mystery lies in the fact that a diamond is nothing but crystallized carbon. This blacking is little more than carbon paste, and the friction of the hairbrush being one of the most efficient methods of generating electricity, has the effect of crystallizing the carbon of the blacking. As soon as this is done the boot is covered with millions of infinitely small diamonds, and, of course, begins to shine as a mass of diamonds would. Of course, this is not a perfect explanation of the phenomenon. What part of the other ingredients of the blacking play, and especially why is it that the blacking must be moistened I cannot tell; perhaps some one else can. But I feel pretty sure that boot blacks are engaged all day in turning blacking into diamonds.

Digest of Opinions.

Reported for Wilmington Messenger, Durham County.—Leathers vs. Morris—No Error.—Justice of the peace—Practices.

1. That the summons of a justice of the peace shall specify with certainty the sum demanded.

Therefore where the value is stated to do "about fifty dollars" Held, that it is not sufficient—the demand should have been for fifty dollars or less in order to give jurisdiction.

2. That if the sum demanded was in fact within the jurisdiction of the court, and the demand was omitted by mistake or inadvertence, Held, that the court might, pending the action, allow an amendment to show the demand, and such amendment would relate back and render the summons efficient.

Allen vs. Jackson, 86 N. C., 321; Manufacturing Co. vs. Barrett, 95 N. C., 36; Norville vs. Dew, 94 N. C., 43; cited.

Spring Riding.

The following is the allotment of the Spring Riding's 1889, of the Superior Court Judges:

- First, (Edenton) district, Judge Boykin.
Second (Halifax) district, Judge MacRae.
Third (Wilson) district, Judge Armfield.
Fourth (Raleigh) district, Judge Graves.
Fifth (Greensboro) district, Judge Bynum.
Sixth (Duplin) district, Judge Shipp.
Seventh (Fayetteville) district, Judge Merrimon.
Eighth (Salisbury) district, Judge Brown.
Ninth (Winston) district, Judge Phillips.
Tenth (Morganton) district, Judge Connor.
Eleventh (Charlotte) district, Judge Clark.
Twelfth (Asheville) district, Judge Gilmore.

Marriage Bells.

A. A. Pater and Miss Ida Grier, Mecklenburg county, Dec. 19th.
John Sellers, of Chesterfield, S. C., and Miss Jennie Jackson, Monroe, 19th.
J. N. Dehaan, of Hickory, and Miss Julia Gullledge, Wadesboro, 19th.
Graham Richardson and Miss Sallie Morris, Newbern, 19th.
J. E. Goldston and Miss Mollie A. Gilmore, Chatham county, 13th.
R. A. Honecutt and Miss Blanche Jenkins, Apex, 19th.
W. S. Weatherspoon, of Sanford, and Miss Edie M. Howerton, Ridge-wood, 19th.

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