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WEEKLY WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 30, '97.

It would be difficult to find a more disappointed and disgruntled gait than those Republicans who hoped for some sort of appointment up to the hour of Mr. McKinley's departure on an extended vacation. They had expected that a large number of appointments would be made as soon as congress was out of the way, but only a few were made and some of them were those whose nominations had failed to be acted upon by the senate. He added to their disgruntlement by amending the civil service rules so that no officeholder in the classified service can be removed except for cause and upon written charges, and then only after failure to make a satisfactory defense. He pleased some of the Republican congressmen by excepting from the civil service rules some of the confidential employes in each of the internal revenue and customs districts, but offended others by extending those rules to the smaller custom houses that were left out by Mr. Cleveland.

Boss Hanna and Mr. McKinley are said to be on the outs and the big boss left Washington without saying goodbye to the man he made president and whom he has been losing. There are different stories as to the cause of the strained relations, but it is safe to say that they will be patched up by the time Mr. McKinley gets to Ohio, where he expects to be during the latter part of August. As soon as he takes time to think Boss Hanna will realize that he will need Mr. McKinley in his business before that Ohio campaign is ended and if necessary will pocket a snub or two to get his active assistance.

Mr. McKinley appointed T. V. Powderly to be commissioner general of immigration before he left on his vacation. This appointment was made necessary by the failure of the senate to act upon Powderly's nomination for this position and a bargain made before Mr. McKinley's election. It has been hinted by personal friends of Mr. McKinley that he will be rather glad than otherwise should the senate reject Powderly's nomination next winter. In giving him the recess appointment the bargain that put Powderly on the stump for McKinley has been lived up to. If the senate declines to let him stay there Mr. McKinley will have another good appointment at his disposal.

Representative Prince, of Illinois, may find it difficult to square himself with the editor of the republican organ at Moline. He had endorsed the editor for the postmastership of the town, and according to the rule in vogue at the postoffice department that endorsement should have been equivalent to appointment. But this week Mr. Prince changed his endorsement from the Republican editor to George H. McKinley, a nephew of Mr. McKinley. He says he was virtually compelled to change his endorsement, and gives the following as the conversation that took place at the white house between himself and Mr. McKinley: Mr. McKinley—"I wish you would endorse my nephew for the place, Mr. Prince." Mr. Prince—"But, Mr. President, I have already endorsed Eastman (the editor), and if I go back on him now I will be held responsible politically." Mr. McK—"Well, say to them that you endorsed him at my request." Mr. Prince says there was nothing else for him to do after that but to endorse Mr. McKinley's nephew, but he may find that the editor thinks differently, and if he cannot satisfy him in some way he may also find that he has to pay a big price for having obliged the president.

A study of Czar Reed's committees of the house, announced just before adjournment, shows that Pennsylvania and New York, with nine chairmanships each, got one-third of the fifty-four chairmen of house committees, while twenty-three states got no chairmen at all. The eastern states got twenty-eight chairmanships. When it is remembered that the legislation of the house is practically in the hands of

the chairmen of committees this division is significant of the controlling power.

If proof were needed that Mr. McKinley was virtually compelled by campaign promises to send that currency commission special message to congress it is easily furnished by the positive statement of prominent Republican senators that no attempt will be made to push the currency commission bill, which was jammed through the house, to a vote in the senate. It has further become known that Speaker Reed would not have allowed the bill to get through the house had he not been certain that it was to be allowed to die in the senate. When Mr. McKinley has paid all his campaign debts he may possibly do something because he believes in it, but it seems that there are still a lot of those debts unpaid.

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(Published by request of North Carolina Teachers' Assembly Committee on Literature of Campaign for Local Taxation.)

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4. Because you want to give your boy and girl a chance. You do not want them to grow up in ignorance, to be imposed upon, to be down-trodden, to be deceived and to pull down our grand old state.

5. It will cost you less than education will in any private school. Ten cents on the hundred dollars worth of property is not as much as some men pay for tobacco. Get your tax receipt, see what you are listed for, and see how little you will have to pay to get good schools and give your boy a chance.

6. Because if we educate all the people of North Carolina it will elevate her politically, develop her industrially, make her powerful religiously, and free her from the tyrant of ignorance who now oppresses her and exacts more taxes every week from her people than the legislature ever has.

Printing Money.

Washington Dispatch.

Assistant Secretary Vanderslip today authorized the director of the bureau of engraving and printing to print and deliver to the office of the secretary United States notes, treasury notes and silver certificates to the amount of \$104,000,000. A large proportion of these notes will be in small denominations, ones, twos, fives and tens, and the supply is expected to be sufficient for the needs of the treasury for a period of about three months, meeting the usual large demand for small bills required in the movement of crops. The department anticipates, in view of the abundant crops and the foreign demand, an unusually large and early call for small bills.

The Truth.

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Some say that they are opposed to the local taxation election because the act was passed by the last legislature; by parties which they did not vote for.

The truth is the local taxation act was voted for and advocated for by all parties; and that it was written by leading educational and public-spirited citizens regardless of parties. It is not a party measure. It is a measure for the education of all the people.

John Griffin, of Zanesville, Ohio, says: "I never lived a day for thirty years without suffering agony until a box of Witch Hazel Salve cured my piles." For piles and rectal troubles, cuts, bruises, sprains, eczema and all skin troubles DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is unequalled. Simons the Druggist.

Forty new looms have been ordered for the proximity mills, at Greensboro. The machinery for the new silk mill has arrived.

Farm and Garden Notes.

Set the hens in cool places.

Don't forget shade; hens need it. Keep the growing stock separate from the old birds.

Don't let the chicks out while the dew is on the grass.

If the hens are not laying well yet, better chop their heads off.

On the average it will cost \$1 to keep a laying hen one year.

Fresh water twice a day is what the hens need this kind of weather.

When a farmer of dairyman who is a stranger offers a cow at a low price, look out. It is not often one of his best cows, but very often a cull he wants to get rid of for cause, and we can not find out too much about her before purchasing.

Do the horses' necks become sore in hot weather? Ours did when we used thin leather top pads through which the hame straps cut into the neck. The best top pad we ever used was a combination of sole leather and zinc, a strip of the latter coming in contact with the neck.

The outlook for all classes of live stock is decidedly encouraging, and the man who keeps the young things growing and thriving from the start will be well repaid for so doing. If you haven't just what you would like in numbers, give a little extra feed and make it up in quality. A good animal not only weighs more, but brings a better price per pound.

The eggs from old hens usually produce stronger chicks than do the eggs from pullets, due, perhaps, to the fact that many pullets are not fully matured when they begin to lay. The eggs from pullets will no doubt hatch as well as those from hens, but when the work of raising the chicks begins, the ones that come from the hens will be hardier and less difficult to raise.

Have you ever seen a swill barrel containing a sour, festering, ill-smelling mess composed of milk, dish-water and other kitchen refuse, around which the bluebottles swarmed and from which the hogs received nourishment (?) would such stuff be considered fit for any other animal to eat? And yet we eat the hog that eats the filth because he has to, not because he wants to.

There is no better way to make manure soluble and quickly fitted to give its fertility to crops than to throw salt on it. Salt hastens decomposition when used in small quantities, and its attraction for moisture helps to keep the manure from firefanging. Applying salt and land plaster in equal proportions to manure heaps is an excellent plan. The ammonia liberated by fermentation will be absorbed by the plaster, making a sulphate of ammonia, which is a very powerful and quick-acting fertilizer.—Exchange.

Rich Gold Finds Near Home.

Salisbury World, 28th.

The gold fever has caught Rowan and Stanly counties in a whirl. A gentleman came up from Millertown this morning tells us that the whole section is excited over the gold finds in that community last week. There is also considerable excitement in and around the little village of Gladstone, in Stanly county.

Several days ago, says the Concord Standard, some gold miners were prospecting on the lands of Mrs. Clara Parker when they discovered some ore glittering with the yellow stuff. The prospectors then opened up a two-foot vein which is said to be richer than any recent discovery in Stanly county. Northern capitalists have already visited the mine and have offered quite a large sum for the property. A local company is working the mine at present.

At New London a new discovery was made last Wednesday, when fifty dollars' worth of the precious stuff was taken out by two men in one day.

Stanly and Rowan gold mines are now the New Eldorado to which all eyes are turning.

TEMPERANCE NOTES.

Balancing Accounts.

A thick-set, ugly-looking fellow was seated on a bench in the public park, and seemed to be reading some writing on a sheet of paper which he held in his hand.

"You seem to be much interested in your writing," I said.

"Yes, I have been figuring my account with Old Alcohol to see how we stand."

"And he comes out ahead, I suppose?"

"Every time, and he has lied like sixty."

"How did you come to have dealings with him in the first place?"

"That's what I've been writing. You see he promised to make a man of me, but he made me a beast. Then he said he would brace me up, but he has made me go staggering around and then threw me in the ditch. He said I must drink to be social. Then he made me quarrel with my best friends and be the laughing stock of my enemies. He gave me a black eye and a broken nose. Then I drank for the good of my health. He ruined the little I had and left me 'sick as a dog.'"

"Of course."

"He said he would warm me up, and I was soon nearly frozen to death. He said he would steady my nerves, but instead he gave me delirium tremens. He said he would give me great strength, and he made me helpless."

"To be sure."

"He promised me courage."

"Then what followed?"

"Then he made me a coward, for I beat my sick wife and kicked my little child. He said he would brighten my wife, but instead he made me act like a fool and talk like an idiot. He promised to make a gentleman of me, but he made a tramp."

Concord Standard: Mr. Jesse Snotherly, of Montgomery county, in battle in the late war, found a federal soldier between the lines, wounded in one knee, and unable to get away, while the dry leaves, etc., were conducting a fire that would have burned him to death. The unfortunate man's cries for water especially drew the attention of Mr. Snotherly and elicited his pity. He hastened to clear away the litter from around the man, and also brought him a canteen of water and left him to follow the line of duty and personal safety. Not, however, until he had given the grateful man his name and address. Here all seemed to end—but not so. The wounded federal recovered and, we are told, recently opened a correspondence with his benefactor and enclosed to him his check for \$500.

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About the Penitentiary—Duly of Doughty line—Used as a Model by Superintendents Raleigh Cor. Charlotte Observer.

There will perhaps be a shake-up when the penitentiary directors meet next month. The bill taking control of the penitentiary, which passed the last legislature, was drawn by Captain Bill Day who is a past master in the art of drawing a water tight bill. The bill gives John R. Smith, the superintendent, pretty near absolute power. That was done at the instance of the Governor. Actually the directors do not approve the bills. The penitentiary is, so far as the administration building is concerned, pretty much like a hotel. Until this year no officer ever dreamed of such a thing as having his family with him in such a place. Now there are four or five families in the great prison. Actually, the hospital steward has his family living in the hospital! The directors know of these things and they also know of the extensive movement of the population of Goldboro towards the penitentiary. They also know of the laxity of discipline. It only remains to be seen what they will do in August.

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