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## OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

The extra session of Congress will take out of the impoverished treasury a big sum in cash. Though many of the expenses of the national legislature run on during its absence from Washington, they jump to a maximum when it sits. To make laws costs Uncle Sam a large amount of money annually. The pay alone of members of the House amounts to \$1,800,000 a year, and they get \$139,000 extra for mileage. To help them transact their business they require a small army of clerks, doorkeepers, pages, etc. The salary list for this force of assistants runs up to \$730,000. This does not include the sergeant at arms, which is a sort of bank, through which the salaries of the Representatives are paid. To run this financial institution an outlay of \$16,000 more is needed. An additional \$25,000 provides for the support of House post-office, though which as much mail matter passes as comes into and goes out of a good sized city.

The number of Senators being much smaller, their annual pay amounts only to \$440,000, with an addition of \$45,000 for mileage. There is an expense of \$5,460 for employes in the office of the Vice-President. The office of the secretary of the upper house, which does the banking and attends to much of the clerical business of that august body costs \$64,500 in salaries. Clerks and messengers to various committees draw \$153,500. The sergeant-at-arms, door keepers and other helpers get an aggregate of \$118,900.

It also costs a great deal of money to run the building which Congress occupies for business purposes. The Capitol is under the charge of Architect Clark, who is allowed \$65,000 a year for keeping it in order. Four plumbers do nothing but mend and renew the arrangements for water and gas, and twenty-five laborers are engaged every day in scrubbing the corridors of the great edifice. All this has nothing to do with the keeping up of the two wings, so far as their interior arrangements are concerned. The care of them devolves upon the Senate and House respectively. Furniture and repairs require an annual outlay of \$18,000, to which must be added about \$35,000 for fuel and gas. The Capitol and grounds represent a cash outlay of nearly \$20,000,000. This estimate would have started its original projectors. Wanting a design for the building, they offered \$500 and a building lot for the best one that should be submitted. Until twenty-five years ago the site comprised an area of twenty-two acres. It was enlarged to its present size of fifty-one and one-half acres at a cost of \$355,000.

It is generally taken for granted that the Sherman law is to be repealed, and speculations as to the construction of the House committees is rife. There is a great deal of talk about Mr. Bland's not going again at the head of the committee on coinage, weights and measures, but there appears to be no reason to doubt that Mr. Bland will remain in his old place. It is believed that a majority of the members of the House are now in favor of the repeal of the law, and if this is so a bill for its repeal will pass the House regardless of who may be chairman of the committee on coinage. The rules of the House will in all probability be such as to permit a majority to transact business, without any arbitrary assumption

of authority or filibustering on the part of any one. It is believed also that a bare majority of the Senate would vote for the repeal, but there the mode of procedure is different, and with a determined opposition such as will be offered by the leading silver Senators, a vote may be delayed. A fair guess is that a bill repealing the law may pass the House promptly, and that it may then stick in the Senate for some time, with the possibilities that a measure favorable to silver may accompany it as an amendment when it goes back to the House.

I learned at the pension office that 2,560 pensioners have been suspended up to date under the recent ruling requiring beneficiaries of the act June 27, 1890, to prove total disability where they are drawing pensions for total disability. Many of the cases suspended will not probably result in the dropping of the pensioner, but may be confined to a reduction of pension according to the actual state of disability.

The idea, now seriously suggested, of taking the desks away from the members of the House may yet result in making Congress look like a big rural school without enough birch rods and conical headgear to go around.

The gold reserve in the Treasury more than keep pace with the thermometer readings last week, and closed at 98 (millions) and over.

## A LONG TIME BETWEEN DRINKS.

In the olden time of our Statehood, before the steam engine bulled the earth with thunderous stroke and reduced space to a matter of time, when whiskey with sugar was five cents a glass and all backs were turned as that glass was filled and when a white man was considered as good as the negro if he behaved himself, the Governor of North Carolina took it into his head one day to pay a long promised visit to his neighbor, the Governor of South Carolina. So he put a clean shirt and a pair of socks in his saddle bag, mounted his horse and rode away through the pine forests toward the south. Diligently following his nose in this direction he came in due time to the home of his brother Governor, where he was received with all the honors of genuine Southern hospitality. When asked how he felt his characteristic reply was "Thank you, Governor, I am tired, sleepy hungry and sober." The host cordially assured him that he could remedy all these.

Next day dinner was served at 12 o'clock as the horn blew for the hands to come in. After it was over the two Governors retired to the shade of the long back porch, where corncob pipes, with long twists of home grown tobacco awaited them.

There, in the long, soft afternoon, reclining on easy bottom rockers, they lolied and smoked and talked the hours away. Betwixt the twain, on the floor sat a brimming pitcher of apple toddy, with the mellow, roasted fruit impudently floating on the surface of the divine apple. From time to time this allied and entwined the conversation. They talked of the comparative excellencies and advantages of their respective States, of price of cotton, of horse raising and ran away negroes; as they talked they smoked and as they talked they drank. They speculated on the coming glories of the country; they pledged eternal friendship to each other personally, and vowed to preserve all neighborly courtesies between the two

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Carolina States forever and forever. Amen! Now and then they would doze in their easy chairs under the mellow influence of their happy surroundings, and on waking up would indignantly deny having been asleep and take another drink to prove their wakefulness. And thus things went on.

Now it happened that the Governor of South Carolina had a wife—all good Governors should have, on the principal of the old maxim that he who aspires to govern should first learn to obey—and her name was Betsey Jane. She well knew the failing of her Governor and she easily guessed that the visiting Governor was tarred with the same stick. Quietly watching proceedings she at length concluded that these two old cocks were about as full as they could well hold without slopping over, and it was time to stop. Watching her opportunity during a rather protracted doze, she slipped away the pitcher, still half full, and inserted in its place a piggion of cool spring water with a clear, yellow ground hanging on the handle. But the instincts of nature are infallible. Though sound asleep the Governor of North Carolina felt that something was wrong—a lack of spirits as it were—every nerve in him cried out against the presence of a hostile element, and he awoke. His perturbed soul had not deceived him. The pitcher of toddy was gone. He immediately awakened his host, who courteously inquired, "What is the matter?" "Don't you see what is the matter?" said the guest, looking indignantly at the piggion and the gourd. "Indeed, I see nothing wrong," said the now distressed host. "Please tell me what is the matter, my dear Governor." "The devil you say! Nothing wrong, indeed! I go to sleep with a pitcher of toddy before me, I wake up and find a piggion of spring water, and the Governor tells me in his house he sees nothing wrong in that! Well well! All I have to say sir," said the Governor of North Carolina, rising with a very great but rather unsteady dignity, "is that it is a damned long time between drinks."

"Oh," said the Governor of South Carolina, as the situation flashed on him, "I see; that's Betsey Jane. She means stop, and we're done for today. I'm sorry I can't bring that pitcher back. I humbly beg your pardon, Governor, but maybe there's a Betsey Jane at your house and maybe you know how it is yourself." The offended dignity of the Governor of North Carolina dissolved slowly into a genial smile of intelligent comprehension, and, solemnly working one eye, he fell—either upon the neck of his host or upon the porch floor, tradition does not say which—exclaiming, "You bet, old boy; you bet."

And that's how it came about! Throughout all that Southern land tradition has wickedly repeated and kept alive the saying of the Governor of North Carolina as a convenient mode of joggling the memory or stimulating the flagging hospitality of a host, but has failed to embaln in

human memory the righteous prudence and wifely virtues of Betsey Jane, the spouse of the Governor of South Carolina.

For near on to a hundred years the saying has been a faithful one, and worthy of all acceptations in our country—that is to say, it has been faithfully repeated all that time and anything offered in response thereto has been universally accepted, either straight or with sugar.

ZEBULON B. VANCE.

—North Carolinian.

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Leave Weldon.....	12 30 P M	5 45 P M	6 00 A M
Arr. Rocky Mt.....	1 40	6 53	7 03
Arrive Tarboro.....	* 2 15 P M		
Leave Tarboro.....	12 30 P M	5 00	
Arrive Wilson.....	2 15 P M	7 00	7 40
Leave Wilson.....	* 2 30 P M		
Arrive Selma.....	2 30 P M		
Leave Goldsboro.....	3 15 P M	7 40	8 30
Leave Warsaw.....	4 14 P M		9 20
Leave Magnolia.....	4 27 P M	8 50	9 44
Arr. Wilmington.....	6 00 P M	9 25	11 25

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

	No. 14 Daily	No. 78 Daily	No. 40 Daily ex Sun
Lea. Wilmington.....	12 35 A M	9 15 A M	4 20 P M
Leave Magnolia.....	1 14	10 57	6 02
Arrive Goldsboro.....	2 53	12 05	6 15
Lea. Fayetteville.....		* 9 30	
Arrive Selma.....		11 35	
Arrive Wilson.....		12 30	
Leave Wilson.....	3 35 A M	12 55 P M	8 41 P M
Arr. Rocky Mt.....	4 03	1 50	8 59
Arrive Tarboro.....	6 30	2 15	
Leave Tarboro.....		12 56	
Arrive Weldon.....	5 05	2 55	10 00

\* Daily except Sunday.  
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