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WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, Nov 20, 1885:
Editor of the Morganton Star:

Everything in Washington is bustle and preparation for Congress and the social season. Senators and Representatives are dropping in the city, and the crowds on Pennsylvania avenue are larger every day. Men talk politics, the work of the coming session, the probable attitude of the Senate to the President, the Speakership, and the leadership of the Republican minority in the House, which will be decided soon in caucus. Ladies talk dinners, receptions, and toilets. They are under the influence of milliners and modistes, in preparation for the part they are to take in society's winter carnival.

The season promises to be a brilliant one. A prosperous business season always brings a large number of visitors to Washington. The improvement in business this fall will be felt in that way here. Then a long session of Congress always brings a larger crowd than a short one.

The members of the new Administration will do their parts socially. The two New York members of the Cabinet will lead as entertainers. They both have large fortunes and are supported by wives who are fond of society. Secretary Bayard lives in a rather modest house, and says his means will not permit his taking a larger one. He has a large family, which is still dependent upon him.

The President will do socially what etiquette requires of him, nothing more. The regular official dinners will be given at the White House, but it is likely he will adhere to his resolution of accepting no invitations except perhaps to Cabinet dinners. Cabinet officers have had a custom of dining each other once a week. Presidents have been in the habit of attending these dinners.

The question which will come more promptly before Congress is undoubtedly that of silver. The probable discussion of this question has brought out a great many books on the subject and the Congressmen who have come to the city, have been hunting up literature relating to financial questions. The distinguished ex-editor of the *World*, Manton Marble, has sent to each member of Congress, during the week, a pamphlet entitled "The Great Monetary Powers," accompanied by his card and compliments. He now advocates the suspension of the coinage of silver in the United States. The interest in the silver question quite overshadows just now that of the tariff.

A few days ago, the tariff and anti-tariff champions, Representative Morrison and Ex-Speaker Randall, met by chance in the office of the First Assistant Postmaster General. The late antagonists on the tariff question shook hands cordially, inquired about each other's health, and chatted in a way that refuted the allegation of personal ill-feeling between them.

Mr. Randall spent three hours with the President one evening this week, and they talked about changing the rules of the Lower House, so as to permit more legislation during the coming session. The President favors as much legislation as can possibly be crowded into the session. He endorses the plan to divide the appropriation bills among the committees. He has said the tariff could very well go over until next session if necessary, and that there were more important matters to look after. He also favors action on the silver question, and a good deal of his message will be given to that subject.

The situation in which the President will find himself in reference to the Senate on the meeting of Congress will be peculiar. The

majority of the Senators are opposed to him in politics. Some Democratic Senators are opposed to the course he has pursued in regard to appointments. Some of these have declared their intention of opposing him on the ground that his nominations are not Democratic in the sense that they should be, and further as a means of forcing him to make more changes than he seems inclined to make. To the Senate thus constituted, the President will have to submit a variety of nominations. Its attitude towards him will be watched with great interest.

Patents Granted.

Patents granted to citizens of the Southern States Nov. 17, 1885, and reported expressly for THE MORGANTON STAR by C. A. Snow & Co., patent lawyers, opposite U. S. Patent Office, Washington, D. C.:

R. G. Bassell, Leesburg, Va., weatherstrip; E. Briggs, Coleman, Texas, irrigating apparatus; M. L. Flowers, Rome, Ga., pulverizer and cultivator; J. I. Greer, Headsville, Texas, cotton chopper; F. Grimm, Comanche, Texas, post hole auger; W. S. Thomson, Atlanta, Ga., cotton planter; W. P. Hamlin, Rogers, Ark., bee-hive; T. J. Sullivan, Bowling Green, Ky., trap; J. S. Grier, Mathews, N. C., quilting frame; W. W. Kone, Houston, Texas, washing machine; G. W. Lawhon, Knoxville, Tenn., cistern cut off; S. J. Lea, Chattanooga, Tenn., wrench; W. J. McGavock, Memphis, Tenn., current wheel; T. McKeethen, New Orleans, La., lemon squeezer; P. Nolan, Chattanooga, Tenn., railway switch; B. D. Martin, Greenville, Texas, car coupling; H. M. Pierce, Nashville, Tenn., manufacturing coke; W. F. Bedding, Tangerine, Fla., fruit crate; Z. Stephenson, Verona, Ky., clothes drier; E. W. Van Duzen, Newport, Ky., boiler tube cleaner; W. W. Watts, Louisville, Ky., toilet case; R. Copes, Orangeburg, S. C., hoeing machine.

An Afflicted Family.

Lenoir Topic.

Last week was a sad one in the family of our townsman Mr. James A. Watt, for, within five days, the Angel of Death claimed three of its members including the father of the family. In the latter part of the week before one of the daughters, Harriet Louisa, a bright little girl of thirteen years, was taken with diphtheria and grew rapidly worse and died Tuesday morning. In the meantime several other members of the family contracted the disease and, on Thursday night, Mattie James, aged 6 years, died. All this time Mr. Watt himself was lying critically ill with the disease. Anxiety and grief added to the ravages of the disease and, on Saturday morning, he breathed his last.

He was buried at Fairfield, Sunday morning, by Rev. B. L. Beall, of the Presbyterian Church. It was indeed an affecting scene, and few eyes in the large crowd were dry, as the widow and her surviving children stood, bowed with grief, beside the three fresh graves of her husband and two children. We are not equal to the task of dwelling upon so sad a subject but, assuring the bereft ones of our own and of the community's deep sympathy with them in their great sorrow, can only point them to a source of strength and comfort which is never-failing.

Mr. Watt would have been 48 years old next Christmas. He was a native of Iredell county and had lived in Lenoir since very soon after the close of the war. He had been since that time a tanner at Dr. Beall's tanyard. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Church and was also a member of the Masonic fraternity. An honest and straight-forward man; he was much liked in this community. The familiar figure of our old friend will no more be seen on our streets, but we trust all is well with him.

The large mica mine near Oak Springs, Rutherford county, which was discovered last May, is getting quite prominent. The owners sold over four hundred dollars worth of mica last week.

The Winston *Sentinel* says a Mr. Brim, living near Pleasantville, Rockingham county, has a child nine months old which weighs 100 lbs.

STATE NEWS.

Wilmington proposes to have the electric light.

Work on the Governor's mansion began last week.

A line of telegraph is in course of construction between Charlotte and Statesville.

The North Carolina State Grange will meet in Rocky Mount on the 8th day of December.

The Charlotte water works have been sold to a Baltimore company for the sum of \$90,000.

The State Auditor is busy preparing warrants for the payment of pensioners under the new law.

It is said that there are 665 lawyers in North Carolina—an average of about seven to each county.

The Concord Presbytery gave \$5,492 to the different departments of church collections last year.

In Robeson county Charles Ransom was killed by Duncan McEachern (colored), near Shoe-Heel.

It is noticeable that the number of tramps passing through the State is now smaller than at any time since the war.

A proposition is made for the construction of a railroad from Wilmington to Newberne through Onslow county.

Revenue-Collector Dowd made a raid last week in Wilkes county and captured over one thousand gallons of illicit whiskey.

A new paper, the North Carolina *Methodist Protestant*, will be published in Asheville January 1. Rev. E. A. Wilson will be editor and proprietor.

Last week a Rutherford county couple—Mr. Israel Frazier and Miss Elizabeth White—aged respectively 46 and 43 years, "ran away and got married!"

Many sportsman from the North are arriving on the coast of the State, particularly on that of Currituck county, for the shooting season, which begins next month. A great number of swan, geese, and duck are reported.

The Raleigh *News and Observer* remarks that of the twelve Superior Court judges on the bench in the spring of 1875, seven are now dead. Of the remaining five not one is now in the service of the State. Judge Seymour is on the United States District Court bench, and Schenck, Buxton, Cannon, and Euro are in private life.

Raleigh *Visitor*: The directors of the Penitentiary adjourned yesterday, after a session of two days. Reports show that there are 1,173 convicts. Of this number 320 are at work in the prison and 853 are employed on the different railroads. The health and general condition of the convicts are said to be better than at any previous time.

Rough on Rats is a poison which seems to kill as much by accident as design. The *Wadesboro Times* says Mr. Thos. Allen, of Anson county, had the misfortune to lose last week two valuable horses by some of the medicine getting into their food. He had placed the medicine in the feed room to get clear of the rats, and somehow it got into the horse trough.

Greensboro Patriot: The field trail of fine bird dogs, in progress at High Points, have proved very attractive, some of the best known sportsmen in the country being present. Some valuable dogs from this State are competing with thoroughbreds from other States. One dog changed hands on the sporting grounds the other day at a cost of \$2,000.

Judge Dick in the Federal Court at Asheville, ruled that all domestic wines, either grape or blackberry, may be sold at the place where made, or one other place, but you cannot buy of other parties and sell. The Judge holds that it is not indictable to buy still slops, but a party agreeing to buy all the slops made at an illicit distillery, is guilty as party who aids and abets the illicit distiller.

A correspondent writes the Lenoir *Topic* that on the 2d inst., while Joseph McKinney, of Mitchell county, was at the Federal Court at Asheville, his wife died suddenly, it is supposed in a debauch, as she was an intemperate woman. Three little children were with her, who awoke, and finding their mother lying upon her face, supposed she was asleep. A neighbor going by was besought to kindle them a fire, who, on going into the house, discovered that the woman was dead.

MATTERS OF NEWS.

The cotton crop will be 6,650,000 bales, 944,000 more than last year.

Not a vote was cast at the last election in the town of Gosnold, Mass.

The charge of embezzlement brought against Mr. J. W. Best in Boston has fallen through.

The Cluverius case has been continued and will not come up before March or April.

It is said we have no navy, and yet something in that line cost us over seventeen millions the past year.

The liquor and beer saloons of London, if placed in a row, would extend a distance of seventy-eight miles.

Continued rains in Mexico make regular railroad traffic impossible. There has been no such downpouring for years.

Another big gun for the government is about to be cast at the South Boston Iron Works, requiring over 100 tons of iron.

Squatters and outlaws, under various pretexts, refuse to leave the Cheyenne and Arapahoe reservation in Indian Territory.

The safe makers finally assert that they have won a triumph over the scientific burglars in the unremitting warfare waged by the latter.

The tricycle is becoming popular with the women of New York, many of whom may be seen daily riding them in Central Park.

Fred Ward, of the firm of Grant & Ward, on trial in New York for larceny, has been convicted and will go to the penitentiary for ten years.

The wholesale druggists of the United States resolved at their recent meeting to petition Congress for a repeal of all internal revenue taxes.

From 60,000 to 65,000 persons cross the big bridge between New York and Brooklyn every day in the cars, while about 11,000 walk over.

The war fever runs high through out Serbia, and active preparations are going on to enforce Serbia's demand for an extension of territory.

The widow of the distinguished Gen. McClellan shows proper taste and delicacy in requiring that her husband should have a simple funeral.

There is such a glut of fruit in California this year that tons upon tons will be allowed to rot on the trees, as the price will not pay the picking.

The Genesta made the trip across the Atlantic in twenty days. Now the American clipper *Albert G. Pope* has made it between the same points in eighteen days.

The city of Memphis which went into bankruptcy several years ago, with a debt of 6,500,000, has come promised and settled the last old debt within the past few days.

A colored member of the Georgia legislature, after trying law-making for some time, concluded he could make more money laying brick at from \$4 to \$5 per day, and resigned.

Parties in the next Virginia legislature will stand as follows: Senate—Democrats, 30; Republicans, 16. House—Democrats, 70; Republicans, 30. Democratic majority on joint ballot, sixty.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, Governor-elect of Virginia, expresses a desire to be inaugurated with as little ceremony and as unostentatiously as possible. His inauguration will consist only of the usual ceremony of taking the oath of office.

A manufacturer of Breelan, is stated to have built a chimney over 50 feet in height, entirely of paper. The blocks used in its construction, instead of being of brick or stone, were made of compressed paper, joined with silicious cement. The chimney is said to be very elastic, and also fire proof.

Miss Mollie Mosker, aged 17, is her home at Eddyville, Iowa, Tuesday, banteringly levied a revolver at her companion, and, demanding her money or her life, snapped the pistol without effect. She then pointed the pistol in a playful manner at her own head and pulled the trigger. The weapon went off and killed her.

There are 315,000,000 bread consumers in Europe. If each one should eat half bushel more next year than last the difference would amount to 157,000,000 bushels. If, then, the times of depression in Europe should pass so that the mass could afford to eat all they needed, the difference in demand might absorb all our surplus at good prices.