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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18, 1893.—Representative Holman, chairman of the democratic caucus has, after consulting his democratic colleagues decided not to call the caucus which it has been determined to hold to consider the Wilson bill, until after the Christmas recess. There are several reasons, all good, for this decision. Many democrats have already gone home to spend Christmas and if the caucus had been held this week it would consequently have been slimly attended. Besides, those who spend their holiday at home will get an opportunity to learn just how the Wilson bill has been received by their constituents which will enable them to lay before the caucus any objections which may exist. It is in fact very fortunate that the bill has been delayed. It will enable the democrats to do what has never been done before—consult the people about the details of a tariff bill.

The republicans of the House have announced with a great flourish of trumpets that they will not vote with democrats who oppose any section of the Wilson bill to amend the measure. A more unnecessary announcement was never made. It was, of course, made solely for the purpose of misleading the country into the belief that there are enough democrats who wish to amend the bill to succeed in doing so, if the republicans would only vote with them. There are it is true a number of democratic Representatives—not so large, however, as the republicans would like the country to believe—who will endeavor to get the bill amended in caucus, but failing in that there are not five of them who will refuse to vote for the bill.

The House has shown itself to be thoroughly in accord with the policy of the democratic party by taking advantage of the unavoidable delay in getting the tariff bill ready to pass bills admitting to statehood Utah, Arizona and New Mexico, although republican filibustering made it necessary for the committee on Rules to report continuing orders before it could be done. The people of these territories are not likely to forget this republican filibustering.

Congressmen, particularly those who have been so precipitate in their criticism, will do well to spend a part of their Christmas holiday in studying President Cleveland's special message and the Hawaiian documents of which it treats. It will not be necessary for them to indorse the President's Hawaiian policy in its entirety to discover how absurd Senator Hoar's recent remarks about impeachment were. There has been neither technical nor actual violation of either the letter or the spirit of the Constitution by the President; the idea that there had been was conceived by malignant partisanship and nurtured by such men as Hoar.

Mr. J. R. Sovereign, the new head of the Knights of Labor, is in Washington, in attendance upon the conference of the Executive committee of the Bimetallic League, with which he is in sympathy. Speaking of the tariff he said: "I am an out and out free trader. The so-called protection of American labor is a delusion. Labor is not protected. Invested capital receives a bonus in the form of protection, and it is then optional with the capitalist to give a share of the bonus to labor in the form of increased wages. But this option is seldom, if ever, exercised." There is food for reflection in these words of Mr. Sovereign, who is certainly in a position to speak from the point of view of the American wage-earner.

Representative Culbertson, chairman of the House Judiciary committee considers it very doubtful whether a bankruptcy bill of any kind will get through the House at this session, although Representative Bailey, will endeavor to push his voluntary bankruptcy bill and Representative Oates will introduce a new bill modifying the Torrey bill, which was recently killed in the House.

It has about been decided that the internal revenue bill shall include an inheritance tax, but it is still an open question whether this tax shall take the place of the proposed income tax or shall be in addition thereto. It is not considered probable by members of the Ways and Means committee that the internal revenue bill will be reported to the House until after the holidays. The tariff bill will be reported to the House tomorrow, unless something now unexpected shall prevent, but it will not be called up for debate until after the recess.

## VOORHEES SILVER BILL.

HE INTRODUCES A MEASURE TO PURCHASE SILVER.

To Retire Gold And Silver Certificates And All Paper Currency Under Ten Dollars: Full Text of Bill.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Mr. Voorhees, chairman of the Finance Committee, introduced a bill for the coinage of silver dollars, the retirement of small denominations of gold and paper money, and for other purposes. The following is its text:

Be it enacted, etc., that the seignorage, or profit fund which has resulted from the coinage of silver bullion under the acts of February 28th 1878, and July 14th 1890, or which would result from the coinage of such bullion, shall be coined into silver dollars of standard weight and fineness, with full legal tender quality, at the rate of not less than \$2,000,000 per month, and such dollars shall be covered in the Treasury.

Sec. 2 That when all the seignorage, or profit fund of the bullion specified in the first section of this act, have been coined as therein directed, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase each month silver bullion, at the market value, in quantities sufficient to coin not less than two million dollars each and every month; and he is hereby directed to coin the said bullion monthly, as fast as purchased, into standard silver dollars, and a sum sufficient to carry into effect the provisions of this act is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 3 That, when any paper circulating notes, or certificates of whatsoever character of denominations less than ten dollars, issued under authority of the United States except National bank notes or certificates redeemable only in silver dollars, shall be received at the treasury or at any sub treasury and they shall not be reissued, but assorted, counted and recorded, and immediately destroyed, in accordance with the existing provision of law; and as rapidly as said notes or certificates are destroyed they shall be replaced by an equal amount of like notes or certificates of denominations of not less than ten dollars.

Sec. 4 That hereafter no National bank note shall be issued of a less denomination than ten dollars, and all such National bank notes, when received at the treasury, or any sub treasury, shall be destroyed in accordance with the law and the National banking association whose notes are destroyed under the provisions of this act and shall be respectively required to substitute notes of denominations not less than ten dollars in lieu of those destroyed.

Sec. 5 That from and after the passage of this act the coinage of the two and one half dollar gold pieces and the five dollar gold pieces is hereby prohibited, and the coins above named shall not be struck or issued by the mint of the United States; and such coins, when received at the Treasury or any sub-Treasury, shall be withdrawn from circulation and recoined into eagles and double eagles, in accordance with law.

Sec. 6 The President of the United States is hereby authorized to appoint five commissioners to an international conference to be held at a place to be hereafter designated, with a view to secure internationally a fixity of relative value between gold and silver as money, by means of a common ratio between these metals, with free mintage at such ratio; and for compensation of such commissioners and for all reasonable expenses connected therewith, to be approved by the Secretary of State, including the proportion to be paid by the United States of the joint expenss of such conference, \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

## The Elliott Opera House.

Those wishing the use of the Elliott Opera House can apply to J. L. Latta, at the office of Hickory Printing Co. This elegant house for entertainments and theatrical performances is now ready for let upon application or address as above.

If all loved "as brethren" there would be no unsanctified strife of tongues.

## GENERAL NEWS.

The President has nominated Hon. Wayne McVeagh to be Minister to Italy.

Buffalo, N. Y., has had a million dollar fire, and a heavy freshet that did much damage.

They are talking of candidates for the Papal succession. It is most sure to be an Italian who will get to be the next Pope.

The countries of Europe are after the Anarchists with sharp sticks, and making it exceedingly lively for the would-be murders.

It is said that the big fight between Mello and the Brazillian government ship will take place at Rio about the 25th or by the last of the week.

The middle span of the new Jeffersonville bridge at Louisville, Ky., just being built across the Ohio river, fell last Friday morning in consequence of a heavy gale of wind, and killed 40 workmen.

M. Emil Frey, who has just been elected President of the Switzerland Republic, was formerly their minister to the U. S. He was also a colonel in the Federal Army during the war, and was once a prisoner at Salisbury in N. C.

The latest advices from Hawaii up to this time indicate that there are exciting times on the Island, and that the Royalists are procuring arms and munition from some source. Mr. Thurston has sailed for Honolulu and it is said intends advising the establishment of a permanent government at once.

Alfred D. Jones, Consul General of the U. S. to China, who received leave of absence some weeks ago from Shanghai to return to his home in North Carolina, died on the passage across to San Francisco, at which latter place his remains arrived on the 18th and will be forwarded to Raleigh. Mr. Jones was a noble man it is said and his sudden and peculiar death is to be regretted. A special from San Francisco to the N. Y. Sun, says he became violently deranged after boarding the steamer and had to be placed under manacles, and was thus confined for seven days when he died on the 9th.

## Mrs. J. B. Beard's School.

Since our last issue we have visited the private school of Mrs. J. B. Beard, and we cannot recall an hour more happily spent in all our life than the one whiled away in her select school of little girls. The school room and children were scrupulously neat, the most perfect decorum existed, and the introduction of a visitor instead of relaxing seemed to inspire the children to greater diligence. Every recitation is competitive, and we think it an excellent plan for the stimulation of children to studious habits. In this model school it works to perfection, enforcing prompt and accurate responses to all question propounded by the teacher. Undue hesitation, or the least inaccuracy in responses, sacrifices the class position of the offending pupil. Mrs. Beard possesses to a rare degree the ability of enforcing discipline without humiliating her scholars. The ability to do the can not, in our opinion, be acquired by experience in the school room. It is indeed, a gift of springing directly from the Great Author of all things. Mrs. Beard fortunately possesses the gift. Her pupils are implicitly obedient, and yet, apparently, at perfect ease in the presence of their teacher. We never visited a school, where everything we saw and heard, did more to commend its teacher to our regard than we found at the private school of Mrs. Beard.

Special attention is called to the extraordinary offer in this issue of the PRESS AND CAROLINIAN about our clubbing arrangements with the weekly Atlanta Constitution, American Farmer and the Home and Farm. All three of these papers one year for \$1.00 cash in advance to all of our subscribers who are in arrears to us and who pay up and also pay in advance for another year, and to all new subscribers to the PRESS AND CAROLINIAN. Or this offer extends the same for the PRESS AND CAROLINIAN and weekly Atlanta Constitution at \$1.50 for the year. This offer is only for 30 days.

## DISGUSTED!

A CHARLOTTE GENTLEMAN VISITS WASHINGTON.

He Pays a Neat Compliment to our immediate Representative Mr. Henderson.

We find the following unique but refreshing letter in the Charlotte Observer of the 19th

Am here and nobody knows me. Uncle Pete Mull once said: "D—n me if you look to be much." Too much truth in this, yet it has some advantages, enabling me to pick up a few facts which your intelligent correspondent may have missed, though he has not much my advantage in appearance. Perhaps for this reason he did not speak to me.

Kope Elias is not in it. Carter will be the man. Sorry for Kope, but this is a wise selection.

The 3 gallon order will be revoked. Your correspondent urged it with tears in his eyes, ably supported by Mr. Henderson, from North Carolina, Representative for the State at large.

Jernigan will get Corea or the Argentine Republic. Henry will get a place.

Your correspondent scarcely knew a new administration had taken hold. Our friend Billy Long has a desk in a room with 18 Republicans and one Democrat. Too bad.

Senator Vance is in bad shape. He will perhaps not be in his seat this session. He will go to Florida for the winter.

Friends here do not speak encouragingly of the Voorhees silver bill, the repeal of the ten per cent. tax or the income tax. The Wilson bill will pass very slightly altered. More new States will be admitted than at any previous session.

Our members seem to be doing their duty in their endeavor to carry out the Democratic platform. Up to this time they have had no active support from the administration. Your correspondent goes home with a big disgust; has never seen a President except old man Jeff, and never will unless the Democrats can elect a Southern man with Southern principals.

N. C.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16, 1893.

## Hickory Public School.

The 14th inst. we visited the public school, now presided over by Prof. A. P. Whisenhunt, and spent, perhaps, two hours in the three departments of the institution. We were much gratified to find strict discipline existing, without any apparent friction in the conduct of the school. The children appeared not only happy but diligent, each one striving to win the approval of instructors and the highest point of excellence in class reports. The teachers fully realize the important trust committed to their hands, and are conscientious and most worthy laborers. We know that it is one thing to have correct ideas as to the education of children and quite another to make a practical application of them; but Prof. Whisenhunt and his assistants, Mrs. L. C. Hunter, and Miss N. A. Keever, have successfully accomplished this most difficult feat and, with genuine pleasure, we heartily congratulate them upon the ease and facility with which it was accomplished. They fully realize that the mind is not a reservoir to be filled, but an activity to be quickened and energized to the highest limit of healthy action. In too many schools the stuffing process is carried on as if the mind was a cistern into which a smattering of everything that can possibly be included in the term of education is crammed. These false ideas and practices do not exist in the public school. All parrot-like conning of lessons Prof. Whisenhunt and his excellent assistants have banished from the school room, and the children are so carefully instructed that, when called to final recitation, the meaning of words and basic germs of knowledge to be impressed upon the mind are fully comprehended, and the scholars enabled to reply to all questions, propounded by the teachers, in their own language. This system of instruction enables the teachers at all times to know the exact progress of each student, and just when to tighten or loosen the rein of healthy activity. In conclusion we would suggest to parents the propriety or regular visits to the school, thereby inspiring both teachers and pupils to unremitting diligence.

The law can never make a man honest, but it can make him mighty miserable for being dishonest.

## STATE NEWS.

The 3 C's railroad has been cutting down salaries and reducing expenses, along the whole line. Hard times and inability of this road to pay running expenses have forced this.—[Shelby Aurora.

There is greater need now than ever for the North Carolina Democracy to follow the old gray-haired chief. The gold standard is too much for the party in this State to swallow.—[Websters Weekly.

The President and Secretary Carlisle got in a good old Democratic humor last week and called for the immediate resignation of twenty-four high (Republican) officials in the Treasury Department.

The Mecklenburg Historical Society promises to be a great institution for the gathering together and the preservation of the history of this section. The members are busying themselves to make each paper read, one of general interest and information.—[Charlotte News.

A few assignments in these hard times if they mean anything, mean simply that Durham is a plunger and had too much faith in the crowd down at Washington, which has failed to bring along the good times, which they still assure us are just over yonder.—[Durham Globe.

Sheriff Dan. L. Reynolds, of Asheville, is in trouble. As tax collector of Buncombe he and his bondsmen have been sued for \$18,000 amount claimed to be due the county on taxes for several years. He owes for 1892 \$6,100, also ten per cent. penalty and \$1,000.—[Shelby Aurora.

A large congregation heard Rev. R. C. Beaman Sunday, at the court house. It was his farewell sermon, as pastor of Trinity church. His opening prayer was a feeling one—full of sympathy and love for his people and the tender regard he held for them, and blessings upon the new Trinity building.—[Durham Sun.

Dr. J. J. Summerell, of Salisbury died at his home in that place at 9:15 o'clock Dec. 17th, from an attack of pneumonia. Dr. Summerell was 74 years old, and leaves two sons and two daughters. He stood high in his profession and was one of the most prominent physicians of the State.—[Charlotte News.

The board of directors of the North Carolina School for the Deaf and Dumb met in Morganton on the 13th and 14th in special meeting to consider the bids for steam heating, plumbing and water supply. The Brewster Hardware Company, of Raleigh, was awarded the contract for heating and plumbing, being the lowest of either bidders.—[Salisbury Herald.

## Commissioners Meeting.

Dec. 4th 1893—The Board of Commissioners all present.

G. M. Yoder Coroner, renewed his bond, justified in the sum of \$4,000 which was approved.

W. H. Ransour was allowed to list 64 acres of land valued at \$534 for taxation for two years, and was relieved of double tax on the same. He being a non-resident.

Ellen Bost, col., was declared a pauper and allowed \$1.00 per month for her support.

Solomon Hoyle and wife Elizabeth were declared paupers and allowed \$1.00 each per month for their support.

David Hunsucker, col., was declared a pauper and allowed \$1.00 per month for his support.

The petition filed at last meeting by Logan Wilson and others for a new road from N. B. England's to E. G. Bost's was not granted.

J. F. Herman C. S. C. renewed his official bond in the sum of \$10,000 justified which was approved.

Geo. W. Cochran, Reg. of Deeds, renewed his official bond justified, in the sum of \$5,000 which was approved.

Junius S. Seaboch was exempted from Poll tax for 1893, on certificate of Dr. Huffman, S. E. Killian and J. W. Mouser.

M. J. Rowe S. T. renewed his official bond justified in the sum of \$5,000 which was approved.

Q. M. Smith Treasurer, renewed his county and school tax bonds in the sum of \$2,000 justified, which was approved.