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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

For the Democrat:

There was a cry of "Extra Paper" on the streets of Washington Saturday evening, and it was soon known throughout the city that Senator James B. Beck the Senior Senator from Kentucky had dropped dead from heart paralysis in the Baltimore and Potomac Railway Station. There has been no more sudden and appalling death of a prominent man for years. He fell and died in the depot in which Gen. Garfield was assassinated nearly ten years ago.

Senator Beck was born in Scotland 1822. He received an academic education in his native country, and came to the United States with his parents when a young man of seventeen or eighteen. They settled in Kentucky and the future Senator immediately started to work to earn a living. He was employed in various minor capacities.

A story illustrating the innate honesty of the man, even in his early days, was related last night by a gentleman who was thoroughly well acquainted with him. Mr. Beck, the gentleman said, was employed in Cynthiana Ky., about one of the stables there. Here he came under the notice of Gen. John C. Breckinridge, who was attracted to him by his intelligence, industry, and good nature. Gen. Breckinridge was one of the leading lawyers of his section at this time, and one day he brought down a copy of Blackstone and gave it to young Beck. He read it thoroughly and showed such a strong desire to become a lawyer that Gen. Breckinridge took him into his office at Lexington Ky. Here he entered the law school of Transylvania University, from which he was graduated in 1846.

When General Breckinridge went into the late war, Mr. Beck, who was his law partner, took charge of his affairs and of his law practice. Gen. Breckinridge at that time owned a large tract of undeveloped lands in the Northwest. Mr. Beck managed the law practice and interests was subsequently able to turn over to Mrs. Breckinridge \$150,000. This incident, it is said, becoming known, aided materially in his first election to Congress.

Mr. Beck devoted himself in his early years to the law and to business affairs, amassing a fair competence before beginning his political career in Congress. He was a Whig in his early years, but when his law partner General Breckinridge went into the Democratic party he carried Mr. Beck who was devotedly attached to his interests with him. In 1868 he was first elected to Congress as a representative in the Fortieth Congress from the Ashland (Ky.) district. He was re-elected to the Forty-first Congress in which body he made an able reply to George S.

Boutwell, arguing against the adoption of the fifteenth amendment to the Constitution—declaring that the right of suffrage should not be bridged on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude—on the ground that the regulation of suffrage should be left to the States.

Being elected to the Forty-second and Forty-third Congress, Mr. Beck served on the Ways and Means Committee. He studied tariff questions with great assiduity, and became a recognized authority on these matters. He declined a re-election to the House in 1876, he was elected to the Senate.

Among those who entered the Senate at this time with him were, Messrs. Hoar, of Mass; Ben Hill, of Ga.; David Davis, of Illinois; Plumb, of Kans.; Garland, of Ark.; McPherson, Coke and Harris and ex-Secretary Kirkwood of Iowa.

He took a prominent part in the Senate in the legislation which resulted in the passage of the Bland silver bill. He was always an advocate of a liberal silver policy, and at this time offered a measure proposing the coinage of not less than \$3,000,000 monthly. He was assigned to the committees of the Senate. It is a very rare honor for a Senator to be on both committees, and Senator Beck was chosen because of his acknowledged industry and ability. He was the leader of his party on matters relating to the tariff and was chairman of the Senatorial Democratic caucus for many years. He was re-elected in 1882 and again in 1888 for the term expiring in 1895.

In person he was tall and powerful, being about six feet high, with the frame and depth of chest of a giant. He was not a fluent talker, and frequently stopped and hesitated for a word. He was a rapid but jerky speaker and when excited would emphasize his remarks with vigorous gestures. At such times his place of birth became plainly evident in his enunciation. Notwithstanding these defects it was universally conceded that he was an effective debater.

Washington, May 5th.

MRS. GOV. GRAHAM DEAD.

The city papers on Sunday morning last, contained the following sad announcement, "Died in this city last night at the residence of Judge Walter Clark, Mrs. Susan Washington Graham, relict of the late Hon. William A. Graham in the 75th year of her age. The funeral will take place at Hillsboro at 11 A. M. to-morrow."—*Biblical Recorder.*

Frequently accidents occur in the household which cause burns, cuts, sprains and bruises, for use in such cases Dr. J. H. McLean's Volcanic Oil Liniment has for many years been the constant favorite family remedy.

For sick headache, female troubles, neuralgic pains in the head take Dr. J. H. McLean's Little Liver and kidney pills 25 cents a box.

BLACK MAIL FOR SUGAR.

It is a fact that the people of the United States have paid annually at least fifty million dollars to American sugar refiners above what they would have had to pay for the same product if the tariff had not prevented a full rivalry of foreign markets. Here is but one item. Think of it—that Republican tariff in ten years has taken from the people more than five hundred million dollars more than they would have paid if the sugar markets of the world had been open to them. It is safe to put it more than a hundred million additional for in 1880, the advance over normal profits was more than \$55,000,000. Mr. Willson, a good authority, says, that in 1889, the black mail paid by the people to the 49 sugar refiners was over \$80,000,000. These firms actually reduced the wages of the workmen, and they struck consequence of the outrage.

The probability is, that since 1880, the actual black-mail would aggregate seven hundred millions. What a sum! Now of this great sum the 49 firms pocketed how much wages, think you, were paid to their working men who were forced to strike? There were 5,857 workmen employed. The tariff was not for their benefit, for they got but \$2,375,032 in wages, or less than 5 per cent. of the blackmail the whole people compelled to pay to 49 bosses. Is not this infamous? Is it not rascally? Such is Radicalism—a sneak, a fraud, a lie. It deceives the laborer by making him believe that the great tax laid by it is for his benefit, when he gets but a pittance, and then is driven into striking because of injustice and wrong.—*Messenger.*

STATE PRESS.

There is not a more honorable calling in the catalogue of professions than that of journalism. The man who engages in it should possess a love for it, coupled with the highest principles to elevate the press as far as his power will allow.—*Durham Sun.*

It is strange that sensible people give enough credence to the statements of sneaks and malicious back-biters to affect their judgment about men. Vile slanders whispered behind are unworthy respectable recognition.—*Henderson Tomahawk.*

Politicians who labor solidly to retain place and power are not worthy of the support of honest and patriotic men. If we desire to better the condition of affairs we must support only good men for official positions. It is time for the professional politicians, of the unprincipled stripe to take a back seat.—*Monroe Register.*

Chroup suffocation, night coughs and all the common affections of the throat and lungs quickly relieved by Dr. J. H. McLean's Tar wine lung balm.

A FOUL AND MISCHIEVOUS CENSUS.

The Republicans are building high on their ability to so use the census reports as to gain a great advantage in the Southern States. The *Messenger* prophesied this just as soon as it was announced that Porter, the Englishman, had been appointed at the head of the business. He is utterly unscrupulous. The Radicals mean to use the census return and the Force bill in such a way, they hope, as shall greatly strengthen their delegation in the House in the next Congress. They will be very sure to lose heavily in the North, and they see they are forever doomed unless they can get control of the Fifty-Second Congress by all sorts of foul and rascally measures and methods. Their hope is in cheating in the South.

There is not the slightest doubt of the fact that the Harrison party of corruptionists are banking upon the success they hope to achieve by the use of intimidation at the polls and the manipulation of the census by the active connivance of Porter and Company. The Washington correspondent of the *N. Y. Times* says:

"It would greatly surprise a good many Democrats if the negro population in the South should not turn out to be great in excess of the most extravagant calculations of African increase. The Republicans propose to prove that they can elect a Republican in every district in the South where the black population exceeds the white."

The census will help this plan if it increases the number of Republican districts according to the party scheme. If the Democrats were in power and the possibility of the perpetration of such an outrage were hinted at, it would be believed by a vast number of Republican partisans, who are now awaiting the reports of Florida which the Republican managers have skillfully and, perhaps, rehearsed in advance.

"That the Republicans will be able to find persons who will be willing to make the census applicable to party uses cannot be doubted."

If there was ever a time when the white men in all Southland should stand united, firm, resolved, shoulder to shoulder, it is in this hour of trial, temptation, usurpation and corruption.—*Messenger.*

The Following Insolvents are Ordered to be Published by the Board of County Commissioners for Watauga County:

The following is a list of insolvent tax-payers and removals returned by me for the year of 1889.

BOONE TOWNSHIP.

G. W. Brown, Poll, \$215.
Wiley Folk, " 217
Marcus Fisher, " 215,

DOB GRIMES, " 215,
J. A. Gilliams, " 215,
Leander J. Hartley, rem. 272,
Finley Isbell, Poll 215,
Esq. Presnell, " 215,
Wm. F. Wike, " 215,
G. W. Molbra, " 217,
Jerry Lenoir, " 215,
S. F. Moody, " 215,
John Norris, " 215,
Joe Oxendine, " 215,
Mack Church, " 215,
Sid Patterson, double 430,
Kell Horton, " 430,
Elbert Horton, " 430,

Total Amt. " \$45.76.

BEAVERDAM TOWNSHIP.

J. D. Dishman, " \$215,
G. A. Graham, in tenn., 215,
David Hamilton, col., 215,
J. B. Hillard, in neb., 212,
Rufus Sheron, " 215,

Total Amt., " \$70.75.

BLUE RIDGE TOWNSHIP.

J. W. Bradshaw, " \$215,
J. H. Cook, " 215,
W. A. Curtis, " 215,
Pleasant Church " 215,
J. W. Church, " 215,
W. F. Fox, " 215,
Julius Triplett, double, 430,
Ewis Porch, " 430,

Total Amt., " \$21.61.

Blowing Rock Township.

Sile Edmisten, col. \$215.
Abner Green, incald. co 215.
E. C. Moody, " 215,
Alfred Pearson, " 215,
Hiram Teague, " 430,
J. H. Pearson, " 430,
J. W. Clark, " 430,
John Bristol, " 430,

Total Amt., " \$25.80.

Laurel Creek Township.

J. C. Hellems, " \$215,
D. C. Dier, repl. 226,
W. A. Day, " 215,
V. N. Overcash, reml. 215,
C. P. Rominger, reml. 235,
Thomas Rominger, D. 430,
Bruce Farthing, " 430,

Total Amt. " \$19.66.

Elk Township.

E. P. Hodges, " \$215,
T. C. Hodges, " 215,

Total Amt. " \$430.

Shanehaw Township.

Joel Ayers, " \$215,
Brisson Evans, " 336,
Lee Harman, " 215,
C. W. Kime, " 212,
John Moody, " 215,
W. O. Potts, " 215,
Elbert Smith, " 217,
James Vestal, " 215,
Vante Maston, " 430,
J. L. Janson, Reml. 430,
Finley Johnson, reml. 430,
T. J. Vines, " 430,

Total Amt. " \$31.44.

Bald Mountain Township.

G. S. Church, " \$215,
J. M. C. Davis, " 229,
G. W. Gilley, " 215,
W. M. Parsons, " 226,
M. S. Robison, " 215,
G. W. South, reml. 215,
J. H. Wilson, " 215,
J. S. Winbarger, " 47,
Sam Wood, " 189,

Total Amt. " \$17.66.

Meat Camp Township.

J. W. Bryan, " \$215,
J. R. Bryan, " 215,
John Campbell, " 215,
Isaac Green, " 215,
J. D. Mowetz, " 219,
W. M. Gaither " 430,

Not allowed as to W. M. Gaither, Amt. \$430.

Finley, Cinn. Brd. of Coms.

Total Amt., " \$15.00.

Cove Creek Township.

R. A. Cragg, " \$215,
J. H. Burkett, " 215,
A. J. Isaacs, " 212,
J. C. Rathison, " 215,
J. D. Mathison, " 215,
Huston Nelson, " 215,
John Norris, " 215,
Carroll Norris, " 215,
W. A. Perry, " 215,
Calvin Roarak, " 232,
W. C. Thomas, " 230,
Hugh Wilson, " 215,

Total Amt. " \$26.17.

Removals.

Ambers Brown, " \$249,
A. J. Brickle, " 30,
J. A. Carnett, " 215,
J. D. Davis, " 215,
J. T. Dishman, " 215,
E. A. Guy, " 215,
Sam Garrison, " 215,
J. J. Henson, " 215,
C. A. Aarbin, " 144,
A. M. Snider, " 227,

Total Amt. " \$1964.

Watauga Township.

Davie Brackwell, " \$215,
Charlie Banner, " 215,
James Herman, " 215,
James Newman reml. 215,
D. F. Wagoner, reml. 215,
A. L. Miller, reml. 222,

Total Amt. " \$1297.

Great Total, " \$250.75.

I, J. L. Hayes, Shff. of Watauga County, solemnly swear that the above is a correct list of the insolvents and removals returned by me, and that I have been at the dwelling house or usual place of abode of each of the tax-payers and could not there or elsewhere in the county, find property where-with to discharge his taxes or such part thereof as is returned unpaid, and that the persons contained in this list were insolvent at, and during the time when by law, I ought to have endeavored to collect the taxes to the best of my knowledge and belief. This the 5th day of May, 1890, J. L. Hayes, Shff. Sworn and subscribed to before J. E. Finley, Chairman Brd. Coms.

"NEWS WHAT IS NEWS."

Many of our subscribers will be surprised to learn that Queen Victoria is negotiating for a granite shaft from the Mt. Airy quarry, four feet square by one hundred feet in length, for which it is stated she is to pay \$160,000. The superintendent tells us he will have no trouble in getting a shaft of the required dimensions, but that a special car will have to be constructed for shipping it to New York. (What did you say about the mechanical arts of Egypt for handling huge stones being lost?—*News and Observer.*)

Imperfect digestion and assimilation produce disordered conditions of the system which are and are confirmed by neglect. Dr. J. H. McLean's Strengthening Cordial and Blood Purifier, by its tonic properties, cures indigestion and gives tone to the stomach. \$1 per bottle.

If your kidneys are weak, you will feel hot and cold, even in the most moderate weather. Dr. J. H. McLean's Kidney Pills will cure you. \$1 per bottle.