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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

The Republicans have other troubles than those which will be made by the new tariff ahead of them. They are going to have no end of worry over finance in the near future. It is an open secret that there is a serious difference of opinion in the Cabinet on the advisability of committing the administration and the party to the retirement of the greenbacks and Treasury notes. Sec. Gage, as the personal representative of the bankers and ultra gold men, will make a hard fight to commit the administration and party to the retirement of those notes, although he knows as well as anybody that no such legislation can be put through during the life of the present Congress, because of the silver majority in the Senate. Proof that Mr. McKinley is afraid of this question may be found in the careful manner in which he avoided committing himself in his special message to Congress asking for authority to appoint a currency commission. Mr. McKinley has been everything on the money question. He voted for the free coinage of silver in 1877, and as late as the Fifty-first Congress, he voted and spoke for the Windom silver bill and the Sherman substitute therefor. He didn't want the gold standard platform of last year's Republican convention. It is doubtful if he knows what he wants now. He prefers to trim and to wait, but Sec. Gage intends, unless he is prevented, to submit to Congress in his annual report the outlines of a bill that would perpetuate the single gold standard, not because he thinks it will pass, but because he wishes to commit the administration and the Republican party.

Members of the administration still in Washington, are somewhat worried over the results of the new tariff as far as they have become apparent. They did not like the shutting down of those big New England cotton mills, and some of them went as far as to say that the mill owners should have been willing to keep on running their mills, even if they lost money, to help along the Republican party. They like even less the story of increased prices for almost everything but labor that comes from every direction. Speaking of this phase of the matter a prominent Philadelphia business man, now in Washington, said: "I hear that a general rise in prices is to take place, and that people may prepare to pay more for their dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, and all articles of household necessity. If this is going to be so, I predict tremendous discontent and dissatisfaction among the people. In flush times there would be no complaint, but when commodities rise in value and the volume of money is not

increased, the common people are bound to suffer, especially when, as now, there is no chance of an advance in wages. The upshot of the matter will be a revolt against the political party that passed the law which made dearer all things the consumer is bound to buy, without doing anything to increase the ability of the consumer to purchase the necessities of life. If the Republican party hasn't a very rough row to hoe, then I am utterly without ability as a prophet."

Some of the civil service cranks are doing so much shouting over Mr. McKinley's extension of the civil service law to a few of the small Custom House employees, that they have overlooked his exemption from those rules of important places in the Customs and Internal Revenue service. His amendments to the rules, prohibiting the discharge of government employees except for cause and only upon written charges, has, of course, been warmly received in Washington, where so many persons are pecuniarily interested in a life tenure of office, but if the country endorses the idea I will miss my guess. With a life tenure of office, there will necessarily come in a few years a civil pension list. Both ideas are undemocratic and un-American, creating as they do a privileged class. If it had not been any civil service law, and when the same influences were brought to bear on Mr. Cleveland to secure a life tenure for those in office, he positively refused to make the amendment that Mr. McKinley has now made.

Senator Gorman seldom talks for publication, but without violating confidence, I can say that he is preparing to make the fight of his life to restore Maryland to the democratic column, and that he is absolutely confident that he will succeed and be reelected to the Senate.

The report that J. C. Logan Harris holds twenty-six offices is incorrect. The number is something less than twenty, but if they increase as in the past few months, they will soon number four score.—Ex.

Mr. A. C. Wolfe, of Dundee, Mo., who travels for Mansue & Tibbetts, Implement Co., of St. Louis, gives traveling men and travelers in general some good advice. "Being a Knight of the Grip," he says, "I have for the past three years, made it a rule to keep myself supplied with Chamberlain's colic, cholera and diarrhoea remedy, and have found numerous occasions to test its merits, not only on myself, but on others as well. I can truly say that I never, in a single instance, have known it to fail. I consider it one of the best remedies travelers can carry and could relate many instances where I have used the remedy on skeptics, much to their surprise and relief. I hope every traveling man in the United States will carry a bottle of this remedy in his grip." For sale by M. B. Blackburn.

Where the Consumer Comes In.

President McKinley called congress in extraordinary session for the alleged purpose of curing the grave evil, the deficit. This could have been done in a day if it had been the real purpose of the extra session. Revenue duties on four articles would have been ample to meet the emergency. Instead of pursuing this simple course congress has in session four months, and during that time it has been contriving steals and deals and dickers for nearly all the harpies in the country. The Dingley bill is now the law of the land, and it may be interesting to that forgotten and despised and plucked citizen, the consumer, to know he stands under it. Here is an estimate of the increased cost of living under Dingley:

Jellies, raised 5 cents.
Oranges and lemons, more than double.
Nuts, increased 1 cent a pound.
Meats, raised 5 per cent.
Chicory, made 1 cent a pound; it was free.
Plushes and velvets, changed from 40 per cent. to 6 cents a yard and 25 per cent.
Ready made clothing and cotton generally, increased 10 per cent.
Hosiery, raised 15 per cent.
Floor matting, from 3 to 8; was free.
Collars and cuffs, increased 15 per cent.
Lace goods, raised 10 per cent.
Dress goods, advanced 20 per cent.
Carpets, increased from 18 to 60 cents a yard.
Silks, raised 15 per cent.
Beads, trimmings, etc., increased from 15 to 50 per cent.
Boots and shoes and umbrellas, advanced 5 per cent.
Spectacles and eyeglasses, increased 10 per cent.
Cutlery and scissors, raised 20 per cent.
Pens, changed from 8 to 12 cents a gross.
Hair and hat pins, increased 10 per cent.
Sugar, raised 1 cent a pound.
Preserved vegetables, raised 10 per cent.
Eggs, increased 2 cents a dozen.
Cider, advanced 5 cents a gallon.
Hay, onions and honey, doubled.
Green peas, 40 cents a bushel; were free.
Flowers, 25 cents; were free.
Vegetables, generally, increased 20 per cent.
Potatoes, raised 10 cents a bushel.
Fresh water fish and mackerel and halibut, advanced a quarter of a cent a pound.
It will be observed that the new tariff raises prices of food, clothing and all the necessities of life. Whether this bill will increase the revenue or not is an unsolved problem, but it is certain that it gives millions of dollars to the sugar trust and other charitable institutions. The consumer would have no

ground for complaint if, for instance, the increase of 1 cent a pound on sugar went to the government; but when he knows that the government of the United States has taken this amount from him in order to give it to a handful of millionaires, he can hardly be blamed for entertaining the idea that our republican form of government is but another name for systemized theft. By observing the preceding table he can get a fair idea of how prosperity is to be restored.—Memphis Commercial-Appeal.

Watson Wants Butler to Resign His Chairmanship.

In his People's Party Paper of this week, out to-night, Thomas E. Watson calls on Senator Marion Butler to resign the national chairmanship of the People's Party. He says:

"With Butler at the head of our host the host is not going to march. We have had enough of Butler and Butlerism. He has deceived us and is deceiving us now. He is in collusion with our foes, just as Allen is. We can not fight fusion with a fusionist in command. There is no sense in trying it. This party is entitled to a chairman who is in sympathy with its policy as declared at Nashville. Populism cannot go to success unless a Populist leads—a leader who puts principles above the offices and who realizes the deadly mistake of putting our party into corrupt bargaining for offices with its foes.

"Let Mr. Butler resign. Let us have Washburn or Reed for Chairman. Let us have an official head in whom the rank and file put confidence."—Atlanta, Ga., Dispatch.

Dr. J. I. Terry, of Trimble, Tenn., in speaking of Chamberlain's colic, cholera and diarrhoea remedy, says: "It has almost become a necessity in this vicinity." This is the best remedy in the world for colic, cholera morbus, dysentery and diarrhoea, and is recognized as a necessity wherever its great worth and merit become known. No other remedy is so prompt or effectual, or so pleasant to take. Sold by M. B. Blackburn.

"An editor's duty," an exchange says, "is to speak of his town as the loveliest place beneath the blue arch of heaven. Speak of a deceased citizen as a 'fallen oak' when he dies of jimjams. Call a man a prominent, influential citizen when you know he is the best poker player in town. Speak of a street Arab as a bright-eyed youth on the road to fame; a big-footed, newly-married woman as the beautiful and accomplished bride. Call a man who has a few dusty bolts of calico and a soldier's blue coat a prosperous and experienced dry goods merchant; call a lawyer a leading light, of whom the profession should be proud, when you know him to be an ordinary pettifogger.

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Officious Colored Committeemen.

We are informed that some of the colored school committeemen lately appointed—because they are not given the entire control of their race's schools—are taking solemn oaths to exercise their rights as committeemen and will visit the white schools, suggesting to the teachers and otherwise making full use of their privilege, theirs by the action of our late and pernicious legislature. But let such committeemen beware! Interference with the white schools and visitations on a part of colored committeemen to white ladies in the school rooms will not be at all tolerated in this country. The cat-o-nine tails and tar, feathers and hemp collars have been ornaments that men have worn for less "virtues" than this unwarranted assumption on the part of these officious and brazen committeemen.—Greene County Standard.

On the authority of one of the leading statisticians of Europe, Dr. Lipsins, of Berlin, it is stated that the Turks have massacred 100,000 Armenians, destroyed 2500 Armenian towns and villages, sacked 568 churches and compelled 282 towns to embrace Mohammedanism within the last two years. Dr. Lipsins, says the New York Mail and Express, is a fair witness, and has made a careful inquiry. He began it with a serious conviction that the Turks had been maligned and misrepresented, but as he went on with the work he discovered that the story of their infamies had been only half told, and that the full truth of their butcheries would not bear repetition to the ears of the Christian world. His dreadful statistics of the devastation of Armenia shed a vivid light upon the character and purpose of the nation whose hands the European countries are now supporting in a war of subjugation against Greece.

After the Boys.
During the Endeavor convention in Boston one of the delegates came suddenly upon the red faced citizen who had been patronizing the hotel bar. Buttonholing the delegate unceremoniously, he said:

"What are you fellows trying to do, anyway? You are hot on temperance, I see, by the papers. Do you think you could make a temperance man of me?"

"No," replied the delegate, looking him over from head to foot with a keen glance, slightly contemptuous. "we evidently couldn't do much with you; but we are after your boy."

"Well, I guess you have got the right of it there. If some body had been after me when I was a boy I should be a better man to-day."—Exchange.

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NOTICE.

By virtue of a decree made by the Superior Court of Watauga county in a special procedure entitled, W. L. Horton and others ex parte, I will, as commissioner, sell at the court house door in the town of Boone, on Thursday the 12th day of Aug., 1897, two tracts of land containing respectively 100 and 75 acres, situated near Elk Knob, in North Fork township, being the lands formerly owned by Wm. Horton, embracing the old Nathan Horton and Wm. Miller Sugar Camps. These lands are rich, agricultural and mineral lands. Terms of sale: five per cent cash and balance in six months with interest on deferred payments. This July 7, 1897.
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