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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Mr. McKinley and Boss Platt have made a deal which will kill Seth Low's candidacy for Mayor of Greater New York, make Ex-Secretary Tracy the Republican candidate backed by all the influence of the administration, and send Platt and his henchmen to the next Republican National Convention as McKinley shouters. Boss Platt did not relish the latter part of the programme, but it was a case of "must" with him and Mr. McKinley knew it as well as he did, and knowing it would accept nothing short of an ironclad pledge of support in exchange for the administration influence in favor of Tracy and against Low. The deal was kept very quiet, but it leaked out even before Mr. Tracy, who had previously declared that he would not be a candidate, announced his willingness to accept the republican nomination. According to democratic advisers, it will make no difference who the republican nominee is; a democrat will be elected. It is understood that Vice-President Hobart is always in the deal, and that the next republican ticket is to be, if the parties to the deal have their way, the same as the last, McKinley and Hobart. It is also said that Platt got Mr. McKinley's promise to make him Secretary of the Treasury, the position he has vainly sought for so many years, if he is re-elected.

Getting rich quick is all right, provided the methods by which it be done are legal and legitimate. The temptation to do so by fraud at the expense of others, is often too strong to be resisted by men of weak wills and elastic consciences, but there is consolation for the man who is too honest to transact his business upon any other than a legitimate basis, in the knowledge that fraudulently acquired money seldom sticks, and never carries respect with it. The business career of John Wedderburn, head of the concern of John Wedderburn & Co., which will be next week officially disbarred from practice before the United States Patent Office, for gross fraud, furnishes an object lesson of the danger of trying to get rich quick by unquestionable means. The only capital he had when he started was the idea that the newspaper men of the country were ready to be caught by almost any old thing of a scheme, and to day many of them have nothing to show for the advertising given to the Examiner Claims Bureau. The Press Claims Company, (both dead) and John Wedderburn & Co., all representing Wedderburn's get-rich-quick schemes, except worthless certificates of stock in the several companies. He adopted lottery and other deceptive methods of attracting business, and now finds himself, instead of being rich,

branded with fraud by the United States Government and not allowed to practice, and the postal authorities have been requested to put his paper, the National Recorder, on the fraud list. The facts tell the story and need no comment.

Although no official admission has been made, it is known that the administration is much disturbed by its latest advice from Hawaii. The ratification of the annexation treaty by the Hawaiian Senate has caused much excitement among the Japanese residents of Hawaii, and the administration fears that a state of insurrection may be precipitated at almost any moment, the result of which may be the overthrow of the present government. Information in the State Department leaves little doubt that many Japanese soldiers are on the island, having gone there in the guise of laborers. It is also very clear that these soldiers are armed and that they have talked among themselves of what they intended to do after overthrowing the government and taking possession of the islands. New and urgent orders have been sent to the United States Minister to Hawaii, and to Admiral Miller, in command of the United States vessels there. The feeling of uneasiness on the part of the administration is not about the final result of a scrap with Japan, but about what might happen to Americans and American interests on the island should the Japanese make an attempt to overthrow the Dole government.

The disposition to poke fun at Ex-Senator Edmunds and his ten associates, who have met in Washington and organized themselves into a so-called monetary commission, has been pronounced than ever since Mr. Edmunds issued an explanation of why they are in session. He admits that they have no authority and that they can not even approach Congress with a suggestion as to legislation, except through the right of petition, possessed by every citizen. In the face of that admission, the star chamber meetings of these agents of the Indianapolis Gold Bankers Convention of last winter, appear to be farcical in the extreme, and the result of their deliberation is likely to be just about as influential with Congress as would be a resolution adopted by the Thompson Street Poker Club.

Statesville Landmark: Jim Wichester, a well known colored character, has been annoying a prominent citizen a good deal recently and the other day the victim proposed to Jim that he would give him a nickel if he would agree not to speak to him again for six months. Jim accepted the offer but as he started away with the nickel, happy in the thought that he had the price of a drink he remarked: "Boss dis don't count if we meets in heaven."

Judge Clarke's Response.

The "Times-Herald" of Chicago selected one justice of the highest court in each State and addressed him a letter enquiring as to legality of injunctions in labor disputes, against laborers quitting work or moving about the country and the best remedy, if such injunctions are illegal. For this State it selected Judge Clarke. Below we give his response, which up-holds the freedom of the citizen and the right of trial by jury.

Editor "Times-Herald," Chicago, Ill.,

SIR:—In response to your inquiry, the new practice of issuing injunctions in labor disputes, in its scope, is without warrant in reason or precedent. It is a bad usurpation by judges who have been appointed to life positions by the influence of great corporations and who are under no responsibility for their conduct. It is a denial to the citizen of the right of trial by jury by judges who enact the law by their own decrees and then execute it by the penalty for contempt.

The remedy is by a constitutional amendment which shall make the United States Judges elective by the people in their respective districts and circuits for a term of years. That public sentiment endorses this corrective power of placing the judiciary under the supervision of public opinion is shown by the fact that in every State except three, the Judges now hold for a fixed term and in those three they are removable by a vote of a bare majority of the legislature. As to the U. S. Judges, they are selected without the public having any voice in their selection and ordinarily by influences that are hostile to popular rights, they are subject to no restraint, as impeachment is impracticable and they assume to set aside the acts of Congress and to stay the action of the Executive—at their will. That possessed of this arbitrary and supreme power (which should be entrusted to no set of men) and by reason of their life tenure (which is un-republican) subject to no supervision, there are notwithstanding many worthy men still among the Federal judges is a tribute to the spirit and training of our institutions. The history of the last few years demonstrates that we can trust no longer to this. Arbitrary and supreme power will debauch its possessors. It has always done so. Judges are no exception to this principle of human nature.

WALTER CLARKE.

Justice Supreme Court of North Carolina.

An exchange says a little girl who had been taught to pray for others and for anything she wanted, wound up her prayer: "And now Oh, God, take good good care of yourself, for if anything should happen to you, we would only have McKinley to help us, and he ain't doing near as well as we expect."

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Hard Times.

"The boy at the head of the class, what are we paying for liquor as a nation?"

"Nine hundred million dollars annually."

"Step to the blackboard, my boy. First, take a rule and measure this silver dollar. How thick is it?"

"Nearly an eighth of an inch."

"Well, sir how many of them can you put in a inch?"

"Between eight and nine."

"Give the benefit of the doubt; call it nine. How many inches would it require to pile these nine hundred millions in?"

"One hundred million inches."

"How many feet would it be?"

"Eight million three hundred and thirty-three thousand, three hundred and thirty-three feet."

"How many rods is that?"

"Five hundred and fifty thousand and fifty rods."

"How many miles is that?"

"One thousand five hundred and seventy-eight miles."

"Miles of what?"

"One thousand five hundred and seventy-eight miles of silver dollars, laid down, packed close together, our national liquor bill would make. This is only one year's grog bill."

Reader, if you need facts about this temperance question, mail this to a post and read it occasionally. It would take ten men with scow shovels to throw away money as fast as we are wasting it for grog.—Observer.

Alleged Fun.

Bill—I've got kleptomania. Sykes—What does yer take fer it?

Bill—Everything I kin lay me hands on.—Ex.

"I have just taken a life to save my own."

"What do you mean?"

"If I hadn't taken that 'Life of Grant' the woman book agent would talk me to death."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Have you heard, count, how Mr. Jones had his arm taken off?"

"No, mees. Ees it possible?"

"Yes, he put his arm round Cissie's waist last night, and of course, she took it off at once."—Pittsboro Chronicle Telegraph.

Uncle—I don't know about lending you any more money. When I lent you money two months ago, you said you wanted it only for a little while.

Nephew—And I didn't have it more than half an hour.—Der Floh.

"What'er you doing now, Billy?"

"I'm selling baking powder to get a bicycle."

"That's queer. I had to sell my bicycle to get baking powder."—Detroit Free Press.

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The sixty second wave of prosperity, in goldbug papers only, has come and—gone. There has been a notable increase in building and other affairs, many factories have started up after being closed down, or having run on short time during the continued period of depression, all of which is quite natural. Crop failures over the ocean have had some effect and have put up the price of grain. But the adoption of the gold standard and the passage of the Dingley bill have, as we expected, resulted in disappointment. Even the trusts, so far, have not reaped any great harvest. The slogan of "dollar wheat" and "eight cent cotton" seem to be going down hill. Cotton has dripped from eight in August to 6½ and less for the fall months and no better prices in sight. "They say" hard times over the ocean has depressed the price of cotton. Now that is curious. How can times exist in England and Germany when they have the gold standard in all its blooming glory? The old story must be told again. Times will not be good again until the United States, England and Germany adopt the double standard.—Progressive Farmer.

Hunting is a splendid pastime, but to kill anything merely for the sake of killing is positively cruel. If you are an old man you have lived long enough to see the evil of this. At the present rate of examination, it is only a question of time when some classes of birds, and small animals must become entirely extinct. No man can find an excuse for killing a snog bird, for they are too small to eat, and as for the injury, the majority of them, eating so many injurious insects, are a positive help to the farmer. "Agricola," writing in an exchange, says: "I have my opinion of a man who will kill a wild pigeon, or other of our birds which are on the road to extinction. But the instinct of killing is big in man. It isn't small in a boy able to carry a gun. So combine the two and wild life has a hard time of it. When I settled here there were yet deer and wild turkey. A full grown otter was killed in a draw close by, and in my timber over on the river, the otters had a slide. Now they are things of the past."

You may look out for "developments" concerning the office of Assistant District Attorney in this district in a short time. Our information is, and it's straight, that charges will be preferred against the present incumbent, Covington, this week, and then will come the "tug of war," resulting in the removal of Covington. You might as well just mark it down: the Republicans are going to have the offices, civil service or what not.—Chronicle.

For the first time in many years Judge Dick will not hold the Federal court at Greensboro or at Statesville. He has had a serious surgical operation performed at Cincinnati, and Judge Purnell will preside in his place at Greensboro, beginning the first Monday, and Judge Brawley will preside at Statesville court, beginning the third Monday. It will hardly seem like Federal court without Judge Dick.—Chronicle.

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