

Friday, February 21, 1896.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16, 1896.

The "popular" loan is an accomplished fact. It was unexpectedly successful. It seems that almost every gold dollar in the country, to say nothing of a good many millions in Europe, is at the disposal of this government.

But in expressing this salutatory to the new-born loan, slight must not be lost of another phase of the question. It is well to bear in mind the plain, unromantic fact that even patriotism and zeal cannot be depended upon indefinitely as a practical remedy for a business trouble.

Sooner or later, if a crash is to be averted, the finances of the country must be placed upon a solvent basis, and common sense must take the place of enthusiasm as the inspiration of our financial policy.

This country cannot go on borrowing forever. Some day or another there must be a settlement. The effect of chronic impecuniosity would inevitably undermine our credit.

In the midst of the present rejoicing and congratulation over the splendid expression of confidence in the resources and good faith of the United States, it is therefore not to stop to consider the solemn truth that we should be much better off today had this expression of confidence not been made necessary by the unwise and improvident state of the country upon financial questions.

Every industrial interest in the land could have been much more effectively and wholesomely promoted by legislation that would have kept the Treasury out of debt. The result of the need to borrow, therefore, encouraging and reassuring though it be, does not relieve Congress and the administration of the obligation to come to the rescue by wise and appropriate legislation.

It is that the bill is a law and will be sending here for their money. "Pittsburgh Tillman" is the latest sobriquet of the season. We have had "Pig Iron Kelly," "Sunset Cox," "Laud-delet Williams," "Extra Billy Smith," and "The Tall Sycamore of the Wabash" Voorhees, but "Pittsburgh Tillman" has a subtle suggestion of the Inforno Society.

Mr. N. S. Richardson died at his home today. He was one of the oldest printers in the State, and a devoted member of the church of Christ (Disciples) and widely known as an honorable and upright man.

It is rumored that high officials of the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company have recently bought an extensive tract of iron ore lands in Ashe county upon which there are heavy deposits of rich magnetic iron ores.

White Caps visited the home of Rufus Woodruff, Wilkes county, Tuesday night. After breaking the door down they fired their pistols into the house, carried Woodruff out and beat him unmercifully with switches. They then made him run and fired at him as he went off.

The Roseboro express robbery trial ended last night at 9 o'clock with an acquittal of the defendants, Dr. F. J. Cooper and Redden Butler. The jury was not convinced that the defendants were guilty, whereupon the defendants were discharged.

John R. Gentry sold, 2,034, the champion racing stallion of the world, was sold this afternoon at Madison Square Garden for \$7,600 to William Simpson, of this city. The great stallion was sold to disolve the partnership of Messrs. Holt & Scott, of the Alamance Stock farm, Graham, N. C.

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Covered with spots and mortgages. "There are tricks in all trades but ours," remarked the carpenter, and we sometimes drive screws with a hammer. A few days ago, not more than a thousand miles from Lake county, a collector called on a farmer for the payment of a note secured by chattel mortgage.

Another Great Discovery. London, Feb. 10.—A most remarkable discovery has been made according to a dispatch from Rome in connection with the investigation of Prof. Roentgen's new force in photography. Prof. Salvioni, of Perugia, read a paper before the Rome Medical Academy on Saturday, in which he describes an optical instrument of his invention which enables the human eye, by means of the Roentgen rays, to see through anything, which these rays can penetrate.

No Speaker Who Wanted to be President Ever Succeeded, Said Capt. Bassett. "Recollections" of the late Capt. Isaac Bassett will appear in print, said a member of his family recently, "and exactly who will supervise the publication of the same. Several gentlemen of distinction have been consulted in relation to it, though no arrangement has been made about the publication.

THE REPORT BELIEVED.—London, Feb. 15.—The news of Dr. Nansen's success has created intense interest in this city. The report received from Irkutsk, Siberia, was generally discredited, at first, although more faith was placed in it than in the previous rumors which have reached London during the past twelve months. The dispatch from the British consul at Archangel is regarded as conclusively showing that the Norwegian explorer is homeward bound, even if he has not discovered the pole.

Tobacco. No crop varies more in quality according to grade of fertilizers used than tobacco. Potash is its most important requirement, producing a large yield of finest grade leaf. Use only fertilizers containing at least 10% actual Potash.

Postmasters Without Politics. A bill to exclude political influence in the appointment of Postmasters has been introduced in Congress by Mr. F. H. Gillett of Massachusetts, and it affords a striking example of civil service reform.

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Our Stock of Vehicles. In its assortment, styles and quality, is second to no concern in North Carolina. It will pay you to look through our stock before purchasing, not that we are selling at cost or making any sacrifices, but that our prices are better than many merchants' "cost" sales, better than others pay for them.

TESTIMONIALS. Matthews, N. C., Jan. 4, 1896. Dear Sir:—I have used your ammoniated Guano and Acid Phosphate for five years in succession and as good as any I ever used. I will use next year. N. S. ALEXANDER.

TESTIMONIALS. Davidson, N. C., Jan. 7, 1896. Yours to hand to-day, I have been away from home sometime, and am sorry that I did not get your letter sooner. I can recommend the Charlotte Acid Phosphate. I have used it for many years and it is the best I ever used. Have tried it side by side with other high grades. J. L. SMITH.

TESTIMONIALS. Derits, Jan. 1, 1896. Dear Sir:—I have been using your fertilizer and am much pleased with them. Have used them on corn, cotton, and millet. Find it especially good for millet. GEORGE JORDAN.

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TESTIMONIALS. Mint Hill, Jan. 6, 1896. I have used the Charlotte Acid Phosphate, and find it as good as the best. F. B. McWALTER.

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