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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

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Mr. Harrison has his dander up to as great an extent as is possible with a man of his phlegmatic temperament. The cause was the publication in a number of republican papers, including the New York Press, of a Washington special saying that ex-Representative McKinley had determined to antagonize Harrison for the Presidential nomination, and intimating that McKinley believed himself and not Harrison entitled to that empty honor. Mr. Harrison has for quite a while been a monomaniac on this subject. He has brought himself to believe that it is a crime for any other member of his party to aspire to what he thinks is his own personal perquisite, and he has taken no trouble to hide this opinion from republicans that have called on him. Whether the statements made in this special are true I cannot say, as Mr. McKinley is not here; but that he has presidential aspirations has long been known here, and should be, by any combination of circumstances, and the liberal expenditure of boodle contributed by the "protected" manufacturers, succeeded in being elected Governor of Ohio this year, I predict that he will be a candidate before the next republican national convention, no matter who he has to antagonize. Of course if he is defeated in his fight for the governorship, which democrats hope and believe he will be, that will remove him from the Presidential field.

Numerous reports having been printed coupling the name of John M. Langston, the negro ex-Congressman with one of the U. S. Circuit Court judgeships, I have been making a quiet investigation, with a view of ascertaining whether Mr. Harrison was really seriously considering such an insult to the white citizens of this country. From what I succeeded in learning it is pretty safe to say that Mr. Harrison is fully prepared, in certain contingencies, to elevate a negro to the bench; but whether Langston or one of the half a dozen other negroes whose application have been filed is not apparent. One of the contingencies referred to is public opinion, and there is good reason for believing that some of these rumors about Langston's appointment emanated directly from the White House, and were started expressly for the purpose of feeling the pulse of the public on the subject, and that Mr. Harrison is very carefully studying what is said about it in the newspapers.

The treasury officials are strutting around like peacocks, because they have discovered that it will not be necessary to default in the payment of the fifty odd millions of 4 percent bonds that will mature in September next. Doesn't take much to puff these republican office holders up with conceit.

Senator Faulkner, who was one of the committee, and whose word is beyond reproach, says the sensation accounts of the carousal of the Congressional Committee which accompanied the remains of the late Senator Hearst to San Francisco on a special train, are entirely without foundation. Other gentlemen who were on the train are equally as emphatic in denying the charges of unseemly conduct on the part of the Senators and Representatives who composed the committee.

The Attorney for the Canadian government and the Attorney-General both say that the Sayward case now before the Supreme Court will not be affected in any way by the negotiation, now in progress between Mr. Blaine and the British Minister, for making the necessary arrangements for the proposed arbitration of the Behring sea dispute, but for some cause Mr. Blaine is very anxious that the arbitration shall be fully agreed upon before decision is reached by the Supreme Court, and it is stated that when the case is again called up another short postponement will be asked for in the hope of accomplishing that end.

The negotiations for a reciprocity treaty with Newfoundland are at an end, and there will be no treaty. Canadian officials are responsible; they prevailed on the British Government to refuse to allow Newfoundland to make a separate treaty. The idea of annexing Newfoundland has not struck the administration favorably. A member of the Cabinet is credited with saying that its application would not be favorably received even if England gave her consent, because of the islands off

her coast being owned by France.

The partnership entered into by ex-Senator Mahone and the negro, Langston, for the purpose of trying to galvanize the corpse of republicanism in Virginia isn't worrying the Virginia democrats here not even a little bit. They say that Mahone and Langston could not get out the full republican vote in that State to save their lives, because neither of them possess the confidence of either the black or white republicans.

The trial of Charles E. Kincaid, a newspaper correspondent, for the murder of ex-Representative Taulbee of Kentucky, entered upon its second week to-day.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Special Correspondence of THE COLUMBIAN.

HARRISBURG, April 1, 1891.

The Legislature is away on its Easter and first of April vacation, and this brings the inquiry, when will the final adjournment take place? Some of the House majority members say May 10th, the Senate leaders, June 2d. The general impression is that the final adjournment will occur about May 15th. The fact is so much time is frittered away at the beginning of the session that the important legislation necessary to be enacted becomes hurried near the end. For instance the Legislature meets on Monday evening, continues in session for a day or two, and then adjourns until the Monday of the following week, and so this continues on until about the seventh or eighth week, and their measures, ill advised, ill constructed, and ill digested, are passed, which have to meet the crucial test of the constitution or the Supreme court. Do you wonder that so many ridiculous and absurd laws are placed upon the statute book, and that so much legislation of late years has been declared void and unconstitutional?

THE COKE REGION RIOT.

There has been a riot in the coke region of Westmoreland county. Ill feeling between the miners and operators has been brewing for a long while, and finally the sad result. On Monday afternoon Governor Pattison received a telegram from the Sheriff of Westmoreland county asking for the aid of the military. The answer of the governor was brief, sensible and Democratic. It was in substance that the civil power must be exhausted before that of the military could be invoked. Nothing further has been heard of anything serious. But it only shows how foolish and officious some people "clothed in a little brief authority" are. Governor Pattison does not believe in shooting down people at the whim and caprice of some unfeeling monopolists, and will not order the military at their bidding. He is the Governor of the people, by the people, and for the people, and malefactors of high or low degree never receives favor or consideration at his hands. It is a blessed thing for the people of Pennsylvania that such a man is at the helm of affairs.

THE SCHOOL BOOK TRUST.

When the House reassembles next week it is expected the School Book Trust Investigating Committee will make a report. The measure was started by Capt. George W. Skinner, of Fulton, instructing the Committee on Education to make a report on the charges made. After it got into the hands of the committee, a sub-committee was appointed, singular how many committees must handle anything affecting or concerning the interests of the people in this Republican Legislature. The committee finally got to work, and then it was found necessary to employ a stenographer, supply stationery, &c., and ask for an appropriation. Did you ever know a Republican Legislature that wasn't for an appropriation? It now appears that the committee will report that there is no trust; that a number of school book firms have organized under the laws of New Jersey (what the deuce do they want in Pennsylvania then?) and that they do not control the school book trade. The committee will, it is said, report in favor of Representative Ellwood's free text bill, which appears to be about the only redeeming feature. His bill provides that school books shall be supplied free from district fund to pupils. It also provides that the tax levied for this purpose shall not exceed two mills on the dollar of assessed valuation, and gives five years in which to put the system into operation. But for deliberate whitewashing on this and kindred measures the present Legislature has been able to take and hold the palm.

COAL WILL NOT BE TAXED.

The Senate Committee on Finance propose to report unfavorably the bill to tax coal a cent a ton for the relief of miners and their families. Several days ago some bituminous coal operators had a hearing on the bill, and Senator Grady, of Philadelphia, who appears to be master of ceremonies, has concluded to give the opponents of the measure another hearing, in order to point out the hardships it would impose upon the coal operators. Representative Davis, of Schuylkill, who introduces the bill, has lost hope for its favorable consideration by the committee, what an innocent (?) youth he is. As if a Republican Legislature would soon do anything to injure the

interests of its masters, the operators.

NO RAILROAD FENCE BILL.

The Railroad Fence bill seems to have received its quietus. In the Senate on the day of its adjournment before taking the recess, Senator Logan, of Crawford, made an ineffectual effort to have placed on the calendar the bill offered by himself in the Senate and a similar bill by Representative Burk, of Lackawanna, in the House, in so far as it related to Crawford county. He received the solid Democratic support of the Senate, and also the Republican assistance of Senators Flinn and Neeb, of Allegheny, for which they were dubbed by Senator Grady, of Philadelphia, of trading with the Democrats. There is no more narrow-minded or conceited member of the Legislature than this man Grady, who is constantly on the look out for a No 1. He is on the Investigating Committee of the frauds perpetrated in the Soldiers' Orphans' Schools, and if there is a white washing report, which some people think there will be, of the dastardly conduct of the Syndicate, you can rest assured he will be at the bottom of it.

A Corrupt Party.

Chauncy F. Black writes a strong letter from Harrisburg to the New York World on the doings of the do-nothing Legislature now in session at Harrisburg. We quote some extracts: Three months of the Legislative session have passed. Nothing has been done. The Republicans are in absolute control of both Houses, but they have seen fit to complete no business except the election of a United States Senator, against whom the people protested, but in whose favor all the bosses agreed.

All their lavish promises to the people in the late campaign remain unredeemed. Their purpose is manifestly to go on as before; to disturb no profitable abuse; to maintain railroad discriminations, unequal taxes, and corrupt and fraudulent elections, as in the past, and to grant no relief what ever. They have been supported by the few who profited by these wrongs, and they expect to be supported by them in the future.

They reason that they gain more by this course than by lightening of the burdens or broadening the liberties of the people. Monopolies and corporations—powerful classes mingled out for special favor at the expense of the many—are bound to the party which thus distinguishes them by the enduring ties of self-interest, and they will respond with money and with the exercise of power over their vast numbers of dependents whenever occasion requires, while the people at large are apt to thank nobody in particular for permission merely to enjoy as their own the concession of rights which are undeniable and indefeasible. This is the corrupt theory and the shameful practice of the monopoly party in National politics, and it has been and is still preeminently the Republican bosses and their slavish followers in Pennsylvania.

This Legislature is plainly in the hands of men who, having profited by this principle of political conduct, are determined there shall be no relaxation in the application. Mr. Quay and his agents are omnipotent.

Accordingly no measure, looking in any other direction has been allowed to get forward. Anti-discrimination bills, treasury reform bills, farmers' revenue bills, workingmen's bills, ballot reform bills are treated alike and in strict pursuance of the boss plan that none of them shall be passed unless so emasculated as to be worse than worthless. The Grangers and the Knights of Labor, who were promised everything in the campaign, have already ascertained that not a single one of these ready pledges, wrung from the rattled machine in its extremity, are to be kept. Their committees on duty are fully satisfied that they have nothing whatever to expect from this Legislature; that it is, in fact, more obedient to the bosses and the corporations than the one which elected Mr. Quay Senator, and submitted the prohibitory amendments to cheat the temperance people and squeeze the liquor men at one stroke. These committees will be heard from when the next Legislature is to be chosen.

After the election, and even after the meeting of the Legislature, some Republican newspapers, among them the Philadelphia Press, insisted upon the honest redemption of the pledge for ballot reform. The Republicans who were suspected of a purpose to unseat the bosses by means of the secret vote have been silenced. The newspapers including the Press, have ceased to demand the convention, and are all as actively supporting the partisan Baker fraud as ever they supported the convention.

This Baker bill adopted by the boss caucus, with notice that no amendment will be allowed, pretends to "gum down" the Constitution and thus rid us of the necessity for a convention to change it. Its only object is, of course, to defeat the reform or to postpone it until after the Presidential election. It is of a piece with the previous Republican proposition, in whose name it is presented, to submit a legislative amendment, which could not be consummated under three or five years.

The denial of the convention is the

denial of redress to the farmers and to the workingmen and free elections to the whole people of the State. However they may succeed in confusing the matter for the moment it will be well understood when the issues are drawn for another life-and-death struggle between the corrupt machine with its monopoly allies on the one side and the masses of people on the other.

She Was Sensible.

A well known lady recently remarked to a clerk that he should "turn the wrapping paper the other side out," as he was putting up her purchase in a printed wrapping paper "I don't want to be a walking advertisement to your store. I read the papers, as all civilized people ought to do, and I think that in them is the proper place to advertise your business, instead of asking your customers to carry your sign around with each purchase of goods. Tell the people through the papers what you have to sell and how you sell it."

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