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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, February 23, 1894.

It isn't pleasant, but unfortunately it is true, that the signs of the Democratic senators "getting together" on the tariff bill are not as promising as they were. They all agree that we must have tariff reform, but a few of them have ideas which they have so far refused to be argued out of as to what constitutes tariff reform. It is this, and not the interference of President Cleveland, which has prevented the reporting of the bill to the finance committee. It would be useless to get the bill before the senate knowing that enough Democratic senators would vote against it to make a majority with the aid of the solid Republican vote. Those who are impatient at the delay should remember that the Republicans have thirty-eight senators and that forty-three is a majority. It should not be forgotten, either, that the votes of the three Populist senators are uncertain and may, unless the Democrats vote together, hold the balance of power. The charge that President Cleveland is trying to dictate to the Democratic senators is absolutely false. He has no desire other than to see them agree and take speedy action on the bill, and that is a desire that should be shared by every Democrat.

Senator Miles paid his respects to the Republican senators who sought to kill a little time by slurring at his connection with the subcommittee that is considering the Wilson tariff bill in the following vigorous English: "I have no apology to make for any part that I have taken in trying to reduce the burden which our friends on the other side have heaped upon the shoulders of the people, and which they have been increasing from year to year for the past thirty years. I do not feel that it is the duty of the senators and representatives to consult the people who are receiving the plunder from the pockets of the yeomanry of the country. We are sent here to discharge a duty to the citizens and not to consult the beneficiaries as to how much we will allow them."

Senator Voorhees looked at Senator Hoar and smiled as he presented to the senate a petition signed by more than 4,000 citizens of Massachusetts, asking for the speedy passage of the Wilson bill because of its "offering a substantial measure of relief from the most burdensome exactions of the existing tariff law." Mr. Hoar got excited and wanted to know who were the signers of such a petition, but he was more than satisfied—he was crushed, for the moment, nothing short of death can permanently crush him—when informed that among them were such men as John M. Forbes, William Lloyd Garrison, Amos W. Stetson and William C. Endicott. The petition was sent to Mr. Voorhees because the Massachusetts senators have been accused of suppressing similar petitions sent to them.

Secretary Carlisle has had a lot of trouble owing to the disinclination of national banks to receive silver certificates in exchange for legal tender notes forwarded for redemption. Wishing to know whether he had a legal right to compel the banks to accept the silver certificates he made formal application to Attorney General Olney for an official opinion defining the status of the silver certificates. The opinion is that silver certificates are not lawful money, being merely the government's receipt for silver, which will be delivered upon surrender of the certificate.

The senate was very obliging when it ordered an investigation of charges made concerning the connection of Hon. Josiah Quincy, of Massachusetts, with the change of contractors for the publication of the Patent Office Gazette upon no better evidence than that of a man whom Mr. Quincy had been instrumental in having kicked out of a public square. Neither Mr. Quincy nor his friends have any fear of the result of the investigation, which will be made by Senators Gorman, Ransom and Manderson, who have already been notified by Mr. Quincy of his willingness to aid them in every way to get all the information desired.

Senator White, of Louisiana, has a right to feel proud of the good opinions of his colleagues and the public, regardless of politics, which have been expressed since his nomination and unani-

mous confirmation to the supreme court vacancy. Had he been entirely unknown his speech on the Hawaiian question, delivered this week, would have placed him in the front rank of the ablest men in the senate. His future colleagues, the justices of the supreme court, regard his legal knowledge as a decided acquisition to "the greatest tribunal in the world."

FROM GOTHAM'S STREETS.

RESTAURANTS in Third avenue and the Bowery have a conventional style of their own that few depart from. The red cherry table without cloth is a feature of most such places.

FINE lunch saloons find the demand for lunch greatly increased by the hard times. The increase in the case of the smaller saloons does not come from a sudden swelling of the classes that regularly live by following up lunch routes, but from decent poor mechanics temporarily idle.

"In speaking of a flat that I was looking at the other day," said a flat hunter, "the janitor said: 'There's never been a death in the house since it was built.' This was something that I had never heard before, but there are doubtless many persons to whom that would be a recommendation, either on sentimental grounds or as indicating the healthfulness of the location and of the building."

Egg dealers must soon push the English language one step further. The distinctions of eggs, fresh eggs and strictly fresh eggs, sometimes called "stric'lies," have become historic, but housewives have discovered this winter, perhaps as the result of hard times, that stric'lies are no longer to be trusted. Some of them, indeed, are little better than "fresh eggs," and others are neither more nor less than just "eggs."

CHURCH AND CLERGY.

THE Society of Friends recently sent a check for \$8,930 to the Salvation Army for use in its social scheme.

DURING the last four years the Christians of Berlin have given \$3,500,000 toward the erection of new churches in the German capital.

THE most numerous body of religionists is that devoted to Buddhism, 420,000,000. The number of Christians is estimated at 408,000,000.

IN the islands of the sea there are 211 stations occupied by 190 missionaries. Twelve societies are represented. The converts number 100,000.

DURING the last year the Basle society of Germany distributed more than 25,000 copies of the Holy Scriptures at an expense of \$5,000.

THE Church Missionary society of England last year had an income of \$27,000 in excess of its expenditures, which amounted to \$1,250,000.

INDIA has eight Christian colleges and 20,000 schools and 3,000,000 pupils. There are 18,000,000 girls of school age and only one in sixty attends school.

CONTRIBUTIONS to all benevolent purposes by Protestant Christians of the United States amount to about \$85,000,000 annually. Only one-seventh of this is given to foreign missions.

BITS OF RELIGIOUS HUMOR.

"DEACON," said a minister out west, after a heavy sermon, "I'm tired." "Indeed," replied the deacon, "then you know how to pity the congregation."

"Ah, parson, I wish I could take my gold with me," said a dying deacon, who was very wealthy but very selfish. "It might melt," was the minister's consoling reply.

"WHAT do you think of your new minister?" And Sandy, scratching his paw answered: "I didn't think much of him. Six days he's envious, and the seventh day encomprehensible."

A LADY was once narrating to Bishop Temple how her aunt had escaped from a railway accident. "Five people in the same compartment were killed and my aunt alone escaped; wasn't it providential?" "Humph!" said the bishop, "don't know your aunt; can't say!"

A COLONEL commanding a British regiment in India requested a drill sergeant to ascertain the religious views of some new recruits. The latter were paraded and the sergeant cried out: "Fall in! Church of England men to the right; Roman Catholic men to the left; all fancy religions to the rear."

DIVORCE LAWS.

ROMAN law allowed divorce for three causes: the Scriptural reason, designs on a husband's life and the possession of false keys.

A DECREE was granted in Massachusetts because "the defendant keeps this plaintiff awake most of the night quarreling."

ONE Greek state had a law that if a man divorced his wife, he could not marry a woman younger than the discarded partner.

A NEW JERSEY wife got a divorce because "the defendant, the husband, sleeps with a razor under his pillow to frighten this plaintiff."

A VIRGINIA wife was set free because "the defendant does not come home until ten p. m., and then keeps this plaintiff awake talking."

A TENNESSEE court liberated a wife because "the defendant does not wash himself, thereby causing the plaintiff great mental anguish."

PUNISHMENTS FOR CRIME.

THERE are three ordinary modes of execution in China—slicing to pieces, decapitation and strangulation.

PRISONERS when arrested in Morocco are obliged to pay the policeman for his trouble in taking them to jail. The regular employment of Hawaiian prisoners for many years has been the making of a road up the volcano of Kilauea.

THE most common offense in Jamaica is obscene and abusive language. Over one-fourth of the arrests last year were for that offense.

PICKED UP BY THE WAY.

THINGS SEEN AND HEARD IN THE TOWN AND VICINITY.

Matters of a Local Nature Written Up and Placed Before the Readers of the "Tribune" by the Saunterer—Something Here May Interest You.

The upheaval in politics last week, which appears to have struck every place, more or less, was decidedly in favor of the Republicans, except in Freeland borough and Hazle township. Throughout the county the Democrats lost heavily, when the vote of congressman-at-large is compared with the results of previous elections, and it will likely have the effect of keeping down the number of Democratic aspirants for county offices next summer. It may also be the means of preventing any opposition to the renomination of Congressman Hines, who is said to be slated again by the bosses, and if the Democrats are to be beaten it is better to sacrifice Billy than some staunch Democrat who does not deserve it. Among the up-country Republicans mentioned as candidates for congress are Messrs. Miner, Foster, Williams, Harding, Darte and others, any of whom will be able to hold their party vote, which is now about 3,500 more than the Democrats can muster.

The prospects, then, are not favorable to the Democrats holding the district, and there will be no hope for them at all if either of the two lower end men spoken of would allow their friends to make a canvass for them. These men are Dr. H. M. Neal and John Leisenring, of Upper Lehigh, both of whom have been mentioned in Republican circles as prospective candidates. The consent of either, however, has not been obtained, and it is doubtful if they could find time to enter politics. But should either be persuaded to take part in the congressional fight and receive the nomination they could sweep the county with ease. I would prefer to see a Democrat representing Luzerne in congress, but since the bosses will give us nothing more than a shallow imitation, I hope the Republicans will nominate a broad-minded, honest man, and Dr. Neal or Mr. Leisenring would be satisfactory to their own party as well as to the large number of Democrats who despise deception and hypocrisy.

In the legislative contest the fight on the Democratic side has narrowed down to four candidates, J. J. McNelis, of Drifton, Jas. M. Gallagher, of Lattimer, and Messrs. Reilly and Sweeney, of Hazleton. There was some likelihood of Drifton having another candidate, but I am told the young man has withdrawn from the race, not wishing to further complicate matters this year. He would have made a strong candidate, but since he is out of it there is no doubt but that McNelis will have the united support of the North Side. It would be better for the delegates of this part of the district to go into the convention, which will probably be held at Freeland, as a unit for their candidate, and with the delegates from the Hazleton side divided between the other three candidates the North Side should be able to control the nomination.

Among the Republicans there is a great deal of interest taken in selecting their nominee for the same office, and it is reported that Representative Jeffrey will have opposition in the convention. Robert Donaghey, of Hazleton, will probably be his opponent, and he may draw strength from those of his party who do not favor giving three successive terms to one man. Jeffrey, however, has a firm hold upon the Republican workers of the district, and it will require more shrewd engineering to euhre him out of the nomination than I can give Hazleton politicians credit for.

Whoever the candidate will be on either side he will have to work very hard to be elected. The district is liable to go Democratic if the right man is put on the ticket by that party, and even then, it is just as liable to go the other way. Cleveland, in the presidential election of 1892, carried it by 380 majority, but Jackson, Republican candidate for state treasurer, received 65 majority

last November, and Grow beat Hancock by over 100 in it on Tuesday. The location of the candidates and the new county question will, I think, have more to do with the choice of the next representative than any other issue.

The call for help sent out by a coal company near town to the Freeland fire department last week caused some comment among those who were conversant with the facts of something which occurred a few years ago. This coal company usually pays its employees on Saturdays, and as the fire company had Glen Onoko engaged in 1893 for the day on which the company was to pay a committee from the firemen requested the operators to pay a day sooner that month, thereby giving a number of the people working there a chance to attend the excursion. The request, it is said, was politely refused, although the other companies of the vicinity cheerfully granted the favor. This refusal has never been forgotten by some of the firemen, but when the call came for their services they gracefully overlooked it and responded promptly. Although their aid was not required, it shows that Freeland's firemen are above indulging in petty spite and are willing, when danger threatens property, to help even those who have refused to help them.

Freeland's voters turned out on Tuesday and registered one of the largest votes yet polled in the borough. The total number who voted was 381, which is a good showing, considering the small area contained within the borough limits. If the annexation of the Points and Birvanton is accomplished the number of voters in the borough will be almost doubled. At the two Woodside polls there were cast about 310 votes, but all of these voters will not come into the borough. The residents of the Coxe addition and the old Woodside houses on Fern street will remain in the township, still the vote of the town after annexation will not be anything less than 700. With the town then divided into four or five wards Freeland borough will play a larger part in the county and district conventions, as it will have more representatives in these gatherings.

The decisive vote in favor of the special tax levy for light on Tuesday should be sufficient to induce the council to start out promptly in the matter and make whatever arrangements that are necessary to secure electric light. The financial part of the question will, of course, require some study on the part of the councilmen, but no time should be lost in preparing to carry out the will of the taxpayers. The gentlemen composing the Freeland Electric Light Company have made a fair offer to the people, and the price is as low as light is furnished for elsewhere. In fact, the average rate per lamp throughout the eastern part of the state is much higher than is asked here, and since the sentiment of the town is almost unanimous for the light no unnecessary delays should be tolerated. The company, it seems, is anxious to commence work upon the plant, and in a tour through town last week Messrs. Sweeney and Beckley, members of the company, were assured of support by nearly all the business men and residents.

He Had a Just Claim.

Railroad Man (angrily)—I have just found out that that cow we had to pay for had not given any milk for five years.

Farmer Smartt—Yas; that's so. "It is, is it? Now, sir, what right had you to put such a high value on her? Tell me that."

"Well, you see, I valued that cow as a curiosity."—Life.

An Evasive Answer.

Judge (to witness)—What is your age, senor?

Witness—I am over twenty. "You must tell me the exact truth."

"Between twenty and thirty."

"But when will you be thirty?"

"To-morrow, my lord."—La Union de Valparaiso.

Between the Acts.

Mr. Bixby—I just went out, my dear, to see if it was raining. I am so afraid of your taking cold, that I am filled with anxiety.

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6:05, 8:25, 9:31 a. m., 1:35, 3:45, 4:55 p. m., for March Chunk, Allentown, Bethlehem, Phila., Easton, New York.

6:05, 9:31, 10:41 a. m., 2:27, 4:55, 6:58 p. m., for Mahanoy City, Shenandoah and Pottsville.

7:29, 10:41 a. m., 11:20, 4:34 p. m., (via Highland Barre) for White Haven, Glen Summit, Wilkes-Barre, Pittston and L. and B. Junction.

SUNDAY TRAINS.

11:40 a. m. and 3:45 p. m. for Drifton, Jeddo, Lumber Yard and Hazleton.

6:45 p. m. for Delano, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, New York and Philadelphia.

ARRIVE AT FREELAND.

5:50, 7:18, 7:26, 9:19, 10:56, 11:50 a. m., 12:58, 2:13, 4:34, 6:58, 8:37, 10:32 p. m., from Hazleton, Stockton, Lumber Yard, Jeddo and Drifton.

7:29, 9:19, 10:40 a. m., 2:13, 4:34, 6:58, 10:32 p. m., from Delano, Mahanoy City and Shenandoah (via New Boston Branch).

12:58, 5:40, 8:57, 10:32 p. m., from New York, Easton, Philadelphia, Bethlehem, Allentown and March Chunk.

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Trains leave Shepton for Beaver Meadow Road, Stockton, Hazle Brook, Eckley, Jeddo and Drifton at 10:38 a. m., 3:11, 5:47, 6:38 p. m., daily except Sunday; and 10:08 a. m., 5:38 p. m., Sunday.

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