

WASHINGTON LETTER.

The Topics of the National Capital by Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, May 10, 1897.—It may not be an impossibility to produce a tariff bill without arousing sensational rumors more or less scandalous in their nature in connection with its sugar schedule, but it hasn't been done for some years. The sugar scandal started when the Wilson tariff bill was in the Senate, and recently recalled by a Supreme Court decision which will compel broker Chapman, and perhaps others, to serve jail sentences, unless a Presidential pardon intervenes, ought to have been enough for a generation, but now the old and time-faded fall rumors about the sugar tariff in connection with the sugar schedule of the amended Dingley tariff bill, now before the Senate. It is admitted by many who do not believe that there was any special intention to favor the sugar trust that the new sugar schedule does favor it, and that it, and the striking out of the clause declaring for a continuance of the reciprocity treaty with Hawaii, has been taken advantage of already to make a large sum of money by speculating in sugar. It is generally understood that many changes are to be made in the tariff bill as it now stands. Were it not for that understanding there would be an open revolt among republicans against many of its provisions. Even as it is, the leaders are having a hard time keeping the rank and file silent, and the task will become more difficult after the 18th of this month, when the bill will be taken up in the Senate for debate. Prominent republicans of the House show no hesitation in saying that the House would refuse to agree to the bill in its present shape, and friends of President McKinley say that he would veto it, if it passed as it now stands, and that a hard tariff fight is ahead, and, surprising as it may sound, the bitterest fighting is going to be between republicans who will in the end vote for the bill.

You cannot always tell how a Senator stands by the way he records his vote. It is known that several Senators who voted for the ratification of that arbitration treaty were much pleased at its rejection, and probable that their votes would have been cast against ratification had they been needed to reject the treaty. Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Roosevelt will go to New York this week to make an investigation of a number of charges concerning favoritism and the dismissal of employees for political reasons in the navy yard at Brooklyn. Mr. Roosevelt's name will be watched with even more interest by the politicians who are classed as spoilsmen, than by those who call themselves civil service reformers, of whom Mr. Roosevelt has been a shining light. It is believed that this investigation will play an important part in the contest for the control of greater New York and its dependent patronage, but which side is to be benefited is yet to be ascertained. Mr. Roosevelt and his immediate superior, Secretary Long are both supposed to be antagonistic to the Platt republican machine in New York, but President McKinley, while not giving him much patronage so far, has acted as though he were especially desirous to avoid a break with Senator Platt.

There is considerable gossip in naval services over the plan, in which Rear Admiral Selfridge, who is in command of the European station, has shown his disappointment, because the Secretary of the Navy declined to order him to English waters to represent the United States navy at the Queen's jubilee celebration. His action has been altogether unusual. When it was suggested to him by cable by the Secretary of the Navy that the war between Turkey and Greece might make it advisable to send him more ships, he replied that there was ample force there, and added a strong hint about his being the proper officer to be sent to the Queen's jubilee. Secretary Long then cabled Admiral Selfridge positive instructions to remain where he was until otherwise ordered, and to keep in close communication with the United States ministers at Athens and Constantinople; also informing him that Admiral Miller would be sent to the Queen's jubilee aboard the cruiser Brooklyn. Needless to say that public opinion is back of Secretary Long in his keeping a strong naval force in the East until the fighting is known to be over, even if he had to keep a naval officer out of a show in order to do it.

Probably the only case of its kind on record is the resignation from the Treasury Department of Mrs. Mary E. Wilcox, who in addition to being the widow of a Mississippi Congressman has the distinction of having been born in the White House. She resigned because she could not do her work to her own satisfaction, because of age and feeble health. Secretary Gage was so much impressed by her statement that he accepted her resignation to take effect at the latest possible date—three months ahead—and gave her leave of absence with pay until that time.

Addison Berry is now in Eastern jail awaiting the result of the injuries of Wm. Herman, better known as "Hatch Bill." It seems that Herman and another man wanted to wrestle last Saturday night at Wye Mills, when Berry interfered and some sharp words followed, in which a blow from a club in the hands of a Berry put Herman to sleep for a while. Herman may recover.

The lilac is king now.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Locals and Otherwise in a Condensed Form for Our Readers.

Moonlight nights. Decoration Day falls on Sunday this year. Home grown strawberries are plentiful and cheap. "A drop of oil," says the bicycle sage, "may save a pint of perspiration." The judicious use of a little paint would greatly improve the looks of our town. If you want new tires for your bicycle, M. L. Thomas will furnish them very cheap. You have tried "77" for Grip and Colds—now try "10" for Dyspepsia. For sale by all druggists—25c. M. L. Thomas will sell you one Lady's Rambler Bicycle, nearly new, very cheap on reasonable terms. I have a '96 Remington Bicycle that sells for \$100. Give me 1 of the cost and it is your wheel. M. L. Thomas. Contractors Redden and Murphy, of Denton, began work on the old Mitchell mansion the first part of this week. Sheep shearing will be at its height in a few days. Local buyers are offering from 14 to 16 cents per pound for the best wool. Can you believe it? Well it is true, I will sell you a good Pneumatic Tire Bicycle for \$10. Call and see it. M. L. Thomas. A learned man is now winning the respect of the Weary Willies by advising people to not exercise too much at this season of the year. If your carriage or wagon needs painting or repairing call on W. S. Delahay, he will do you good work and at prices to suit the times. The best way to assist a new beginner in riding the bicycle is to keep your mouth shut and let him get on and fall off as often as he likes.

Under the new postal law, which has gone into effect, the sender of a registered letter, which is lost, can claim indemnity to the extent of \$10. If property owners would hang their front gates, swing inside their yards, a great nuisance—gates left open across sidewalks—would be avoided. Don't you want pneumatic tires put on that old cushion bike of yours and make an easy, light running wheel? Ask M. L. Thomas what it will cost? A large increase during the past week has been made to the number of men who congregate on the corners and in the stores. Their wives are cleaning house. I have all the tools necessary to fit any bicycle work and will do it at short notice, come to see me and be convinced. I am the public's servant. M. L. Thomas. A woman has figured it out that between the ages of sixteen and twenty-seven her heart was broken eleven times. Court plaster has done wonders in such cases. Everybody agrees there's too much quarreling and fault-finding in this town. We cannot make the town go if we impress the outside world that we are a sour and disgruntled people. The noon train to Centreville was delayed two hours, Thursday by the derailing of a freight car at Millington station but through the kindness of Mr. Wm. Woodford we received our mail the same evening. You may exterminate black ants by first keeping out of their reach all sweets. Stand your cake and sugar boxes in a pan of water, then around the shelves put either lavender, ground cloves, or better, camphor. A slight fire occurred at the residence of Mr. William S. Delahay on the chimney fell on the roof and the shingles being dry soon caught fire. The alarm was at once given and the flames extinguished with but little damage.

Though comparatively few are aware of it, Queen Anne's was visited by a decided frost on Sunday morning. So far as can be learned no damage was done to fruits of any kind, but in some instances delicate plants gave unmistakable signs of having been touched. The evening passenger train from Queenstown, on Monday evening encountered a cross-tie on the track near Willoughby's station. What the object of any one could have been in perpetrating an act of the kind is hard to imagine. The parties will be given the full extent of the law if discovered. A shot-proof mad dog made his appearance in town on Sunday and bit several dogs. He was fired upon by several parties, but without effect. A number of good-box hunters were in a heated argument when the dog made his appearance, and the gentlemen disappeared. He visited the residence of Mr. Andrew Row, Slippery Hill and bit his dog and had several fits. Mr. Row shot him. The Postoffice Department has executed a contract with the Chester River Steamboat Company for mail route No. 13098, from July 1, 1897, to June 30, 1901. The route is from Baltimore via Kent Island wharf, Queenstown, Overton and Rolph's to Chestertown, 63 miles and back, three times a week, in safe and suitable steamboats, and by schedule satisfactory to the Department.

PINEY NECK NOTES.

Some Interesting Items from Winchester and Brydntown.

Mr. Samuel Ford, of Baltimore, is visiting his sister Mrs. E. L. Thomas. Mrs. Carrie Ford and Mrs. Hannah Porter, of Baltimore, are visiting their parents in Winchester. Miss Lillie Booker has returned to her home in Queenstown after a visit to relatives in Winchester for a few days. Some of our men are busily engaged in fitting up for crabbing. There are a few crabs now but not enough to lay out their line for. On last Monday afternoon as Miss Addie Daly was going out of the door with a kettle of boiling water she made a misstep and fell, scalding her face and arm very bad. The bicycle riders in this vicinity would thank the people who live near the public road if they would not throw glass on the road because it is likely to puncture the tires and it is also dangerous for horses and for children who go without shoes in the summer time. Is it true that the tongmen of Queen Anne's county are allowed to use cast-iron rollers, which are styled patent rollers, in the summer months, when the roads are muddy? Our friends, we will venture to say that one-third of the tongmen of this county want them while the other two-thirds are decidedly against them. We hear some one say it is easy work. We will admit that, but where will the oysters be at the expiration of four or five years? You should look out for your boys who are growing up and cannot nor will not do anything else but live on the business for a livelihood. Some of you have boys who cannot do anything but sell cull; what are you going to do with them? You say you will pull and wind and your boy cull. My friend, do you think for a moment that you can stand to these tongs all day? If you do, you are surely left. It is easy to sit around and talk about it but the thing is doing it. We will venture to say that not one man out of twenty has the muscle to stand by these tongs day in and day out. We would like for our State's Attorney to see to this section of law and plug up the hole which is left in it before it is too late.

Bishop of Wilmington Consecrated. In the presence of a congregation which filled every part of St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral in Wilmington, Del., the Rev. John James Monaghan on Sunday morning was consecrated Bishop of Wilmington. His predecessor, Bishop Curtis, took an important part in the ceremony. While the duties of the retiring Bishop have not as yet been decided upon, it is believed that he will devote a large part of his time to missionary labor, in addition to assisting in the work of the Cathedral parish in Baltimore. He had been Bishop of Wilmington since November 14, 1886, succeeding Bishop Thomas A. Becker, who was transferred to Savannah, Ga. Under his care the diocese has increased both in the amount of property owned and the Catholic population, which at present numbers about twenty thousand persons. More than a year ago Bishop Curtis wrote to the Pope asking to be relieved of the onerous duties of the diocese, which he said were too great for a man of his years.

Are You in this Lot? Reports have recently been brought to our attention of acts of malicious destructiveness which should be checked at once and the culprits brought to summary punishment. The acts to which we have reference are the deliberate puncturing of bicycle tires by either reckless boys or wickedly disposed men. We know of an instance in which a tire was cut with a knife and the rider of the same several miles from home. The lawless rider passed a law making it a criminal offense to "throw glass, iron, tacks or any other similar substance on the highway which is liable to inflict injury to the tires of bicycles." And so it is that such unwarranted destructiveness as has lately been evinced should be abruptly ended and the guilty parties arrested.

Death of Mr. Clarence Catlin. Mr. Clarence Catlin, son of Mr. Robert J. Catlin, died at Centreville on Tuesday, aged 27 years. Mr. Catlin had been in poor health for more than a year, and it was thought that rest and change of scene and air would build up his failing constitution and he went to the mountains and received only temporary relief. He was a trusted official of the Centreville National Bank. His remains were interred in the cemetery at Chestertown on Thursday.

Mr. Charles H. Wetzel of Sunbury, Pa., was so much pleased with a remedy which cured him of rheumatism that he made affidavit to the fact for publication as follows: "This is to certify that on May 11th, I walked into Helick's drug store on a pair of crutches, bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm for inflammatory rheumatism which had crippled me up. After using three bottles I am completely cured. I can cheerfully recommend it."

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KENT ISLAND ITEMS.

Personals and Locals Gathered by Our Island Correspondent.

A man can live five minutes without air, ten days without sleep, without water for a week, without food for fifteen days, and yet some men think they cannot live three hours without whiskey. As this is the time of the year for general cleaning up our people are being freed from fences and outbuildings and nothing is prettier to look at than to see everything nicely whitewashed. It is also very conducive to health. The sprinkling around of quicklime helps to destroy the poisonous germs which often cause disease. John Whitticoe, a colored man of this Island is wanted by the authorities to answer a charge of committing the rape on a nine-year-old daughter of Isaiah Watkins, colored, also of this Island. The crime was committed on Friday last at the home of the child during the absence of the child's parents. The fellow was detected and Constable Stanford Bullen notified. He went to arrest the man and got in sight of him but the fellow ran. He was fired at several times, but made his escape and has not yet been captured. The child was quite badly bruised by the brutal fellow. Miss Susie Bullen, the sixteen-year-old and second daughter of Mrs. Harriet Bullen, died at her residence in Stevensville, last Thursday, after a lingering spell of consumption. She was a member of the M. E. Sunday school. She was conscious until her death and while sitting in a chair. The funeral took place from the First M. E. Church, Rev. E. H. Hyson, officiated. The remains were interred in the cemetery near Stevensville. She had many young friends who will mourn her loss. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. Ogg Callaway, Claud Lowry, Dudley Legg, Owens Phillips, Frank Hyson and William Tolson.

PERSONALS. Messrs. Dora and Nellie Thompson, of Chestertown, visited Mrs. Margaret Skinner, this week. Mrs. Alex. Callahan and son, Mr. Carroll, of Ridgely, are visiting relatives and friends in town. Mr. Julius Prætorius, of Catonsville, Baltimore county, made a short visit to the family of John M. Aker, Esq., of this week. Mrs. Morris Ginsberg and daughter returned home on Tuesday after a pleasant visit with relatives and friends in Baltimore. At the bi-annual convalescent of the Improved Order Heptasops, at Louisville, Ky., last week, Mr. Olin Bryan, of Centreville, was elected Supreme Protost.

Messrs. James Withgott and Wm. Woodford, of Easton, paid friends in town a visit on Sunday. They rode up on their wheels in one hour and fifty-five minutes.

Mrs. Whitfield and daughter, of Norfolk, Va., Mrs. Maridu and daughter, of Windsor, N. C., Mrs. Beeks, of Baltimore, and Mrs. Ruth, of Philadelphia, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Steadman Cross near town. Mr. William J. Scott attended the consecration of Bishop Monaghan Sunday last at the Pro-Cathedral, Wilmington, Del., in which His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, of Baltimore, officiated.

Mr. Samuel Dewing is in town trying to organize a convalescent of the Home Forum Benefit Order. Its workings are similar to those of the Home Forum, only they admit ladies as members, which, no doubt, makes the order much stronger.

Mr. William C. McCconnor, who was a delegate to the convalescent of the I. O. H. at Louisville, Ky., returned home on Saturday last. He was very much pleased with the trip and the hospitality of the people along the route and especially at Louisville.

A Victim for the Whipping Post. The laws of the State of Maryland make the following provision: "Any person who shall brutally assault and beat his wife shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon presentation and conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to be whipped, not exceeding forty lashes, or be imprisoned for a term not exceeding one year, or both, in the discretion of the Court. If any Court shall order or direct the punishment as aforesaid by whipping the same shall be administered by the sheriff of the county where the judgment shall be rendered; and said Sheriff shall administer the same within the walls of the county jail."

For the first time in the history of the law this provision will soon be put in operation in Queen Anne's county. At the present session of court Charles Wilson, colored, was presented and convicted on that very charge. He was sentenced by Court to undergo a penalty of fifteen days in jail and fifteen lashes. These latter will be applied by the Sheriff or his representative in accordance with legal directions. It will not be a spectacle of public exposure, but will be conducted within the privacy of the jail walls. It is a severe penalty, but severe penalties are the proper punishment to inflict upon wife-beaters. This example may have the wholesome effect of checking the disposition of some men to use cowardly violence in their unfortunate disputes with their wives.

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CIRCUIT COURT.

Grand Jury's Report—Queenstown to Remain "Dry."

Arguments in the case of Clare vs. Kent County Commissioners were made by Edwin H. Brown for defendant and P. B. Hopper for plaintiff. The case was given to the jury who returned a verdict of \$2,000 in favor of plaintiff.

The criminal appeal case of State vs. Joshua Ferrell was tried. Verdict guilty. Sentence, ten days in jail. The case of State vs. Charles Madox, charged with two offenses, to wit: stealing use of carriage, and stealing use of horse, was tried. Verdict guilty in both cases. Sentence, fifty dollars fine in each case.

The case of State vs. Chas. Wilson, colored, for wife beating was next tried. Verdict guilty. Sentence, fifteen days in jail and fifteen lashes at the whipping post.

The Grand Jury presented A. Randolph Weedon for obtaining money under false pretenses. The court then adjourned until Tuesday on account of the funeral of Mrs. E. A. Turpin, Monday.

Judges Russum and Stump on the bench. The first called for trial was that of State vs. Charles E. Tatman for bigamy. Jury trial. J. F. Harper for State and T. L. W. Harley for defense. Verdict guilty, with recommendations to Court for mercy. Sentence, eighteen months in the penitentiary.

The next case called was State vs. James Lloyd, charged with intent to injure Captain Gray with intent to kill. E. H. Brown and Madison Borden, counsel for the defense, moved for a continuance on the ground that two important witnesses for the accused were absent. This led to a spirited controversy between Mr. Brown and State's Attorney J. Frank Harper. The motion was overruled; so the case was ordered to trial. The appearance of Mr. P. B. Hopper was entered to assist in the prosecution. After frequent challenges a jury was procured, and the case proceeded to trial.

The Grand Jury filed its report. They refused to grant licenses in Queenstown. No true bill was found against A. Randolph Weedon owing to the inexplicable absence of the prosecuting witnesses. His case, therefore, will go over to the next Grand Jury on the presentment already made, leaving to it the returning of the necessary bill. The witness in question is Mr. Reynolds, who resides in Delaware. The court then dismissed the jury with expressions of thanks. The report of the Grand Jury reads as follows:

To the Honorable, the Judges of the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County. We, the members of the Grand Jury of the May term of the Circuit Court of this county, respectfully submit the following report: We have been in session seven days, have investigated twenty-three cases, have examined one hundred and thirty-four witnesses, have found 12 presentments, returned eleven true bills, dismissed eleven cases which in our judgment were not supported by sufficient evidence to present to this court. Acting upon the instructions of this court, we inquired into defalcations and have made such presentments as came under the law.

In our investigations (which we have tried to make thorough) we regret to say that we have found indisputable evidence of large and glaring misappropriations of trust funds, losses have been inflicted upon poor persons by those who occupy positions of trust; the nature and extent of which and the transactions, which in some instances led up to them, cannot be justified or excused, but while we deplore and condemn them, we are compelled to say that the character of the misappropriations which come within the scope of our investigations were such that the provisions of the criminal law of the State do not seem to be broad enough to cover, and afford a definite and certain relief by means of presentment and indictment.

We, therefore, respectfully suggest and recommend to our law makers the necessary enlargement of our criminal statutes in order that there may be a safe and sure remedy against such losses to innocent persons. Several applications were before us for the sale of spirituous liquors in the Fifth or Queenstown district, which we examined and acted upon separately, each of which we declined to recommend.

We visited the county jail in a body and report the buildings and grounds in good sanitary condition, and respectfully call the attention of the board of county commissioners to the same. The officers of this court have been obliging and prompt in the performance of their respective duties and have thus aided us in the work which has been before us consideration for which we tender our thanks.

We especially tender our thanks to the State's Attorney, J. F. Harper, Esq., for his services rendered in the investigation of the various cases that have come before us. We failed to find a true bill in one case because the important witness was in Delaware and we were unable to get him before us.

JOHN DODD, Foreman.

WEDNESDAY.

The case of James Lloyd charged with assault upon Captain Gray with intent to kill was resumed. The State endeavored to prove that after some previous difficulties Captain Gray shot a pig belonging to Lloyd. Lloyd was in the house of James Blackiston, opposite Gray's, and, seizing a gun, followed Gray, shooting at him four times, inflicting slight wounds on one side of his head and body. Gray started to leave Lloyd arrested and was pursued by the latter with a gun. Gray drew his pocketknife and was struck with the arm. Lloyd then threw him down, beating and kicking him. John Lloyd and James Blackiston were indicted as accessories.

THURSDAY. The assault case of James Lloyd on Captain Gray, which had occupied the court for two days, was concluded and given to the jury at 2 o'clock. The jury after deliberating two hours, brought in a verdict of guilty as charged. The cases against John Lloyd and Blackiston were abandoned.

At the night session the case of State vs. O. T. Davidson for selling intoxicating liquors without license was tried. He was found guilty in eleven cases. Sentence, \$50 or 20 days in jail in each case.

Orphans' Court. Present, Louis Horganrath, chief judge; Charles H. Jefferson and Charles R. Walls, associate judges. Ordered, that the inventory of the deceased estate of the estate of Elwood B. Force, deceased, as returned by James Merrick, Jr., acting administrator, be received, filed and recorded.

Ordered, that the additional bond of Maria B. Green, guardian to Agnes B. Green, be received, filed and recorded.

Ordered, that E. S. Valliant, administrator of Mary S. Carter, deceased, authorized to sell the personal estate of said deceased, be received, filed and recorded.

Ordered, that a statement of money due the estate of Maggie Mullikin, deceased, as made by Geo. H. Mullikin, administrator, be received, filed and recorded.

Ordered, that W. P. and J. Lane Finley, administrators of Washington Finley, deceased, returned a corrected and true bill of separate debts due the estate, and the first administrator account, which were received, filed and recorded.

There is some one in almost every neighborhood who is subject to attacks of pain in the stomach or bilious colic. Mr. J. D. Kinney, Warren Center, Pa., used to be troubled in that way. He says: "The attacks were marked by terrible pains diarrhea and fainting spells. At such times I suffered exceedingly until I began using Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, two or three doses of which effected an immediate and lasting cure." For sale by B. E. Cockey & Co.

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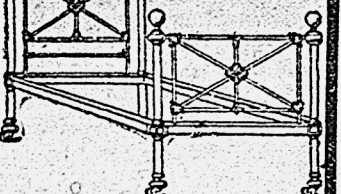
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