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#### WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our regular correspondent.

Washington, June 3, 1901. hard knocks in the past from partisan disguise of McaLurinism is making decisions of the supreme court, and headway in that state. though for the time these decisions best of it. give the administration a free hand in carrying out its imperialistic colon-

ial policy, they will doubtless make enough the serious-minded, who believe cision of the supreme court, but Seccongress to be the creature of the con- retary Gage has ordered that duties stitution, instead of its being the foot- under the Dingley tariff law shall conball of congress, as the principal one tinue to be collected on imports from of these decisions practically holds it the Philippines. to be, to elect the next president. There is not the slightest doubt that become the Admiral Sampson of the a majority-a vast majority-of the army. He reached Washington last

Much interest is felt in Washington in the Tillman-McLaurin fight in South Carolina, which will demonstrate how much truth there is in the The constitution has stood some claim that republicanism under the

it will stand the extraordinary and The controversy is likely to settle contradictory decisions handed down that question, and the present indicalast week in the insular cases. Al- tions are that Senator Tillman has the

Although the general impression is that free trade with the Philippines until congress legislates otherwise natdemocratic votes among urally follows the Porto Rico tariff de-Gen. Fred Grant seems ambitious to

people of this country regard the con- week and brought a bit of news with stitution as the best protection of him in the shape of a claim for credit their liberties, and to doubt that they for himself for the capture of Aguinwill resent its being juggled with in aldo. He said: "It was my troops

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was made, but they find consolation in the navy. the belief that it will result in hastening the return to power of the democratic party, which has ever been the defender of the constitution and a believer in its strict construction.

Senator Bailey of Texas, who has an established reputation as an able exinsular decision of the supreme court:

"The decision is certainly bad enough, but it is not so bad as the administration papers are claiming. The friends of the administration are congratulating themselves much too early if they think the decision relieves them from the embarrassment of constitutional restriction in dealing with our new possessions. They will find the question of taxation one of the least among the perplexities of a colonial policy; and they can only carry out their plans for governing thes: is- | derful recovery. This great liniment lands by setting aside other and great- | is for sale by all druggists. er constitutional provisions. The court is apt to find that the next case will not furnish it with a subterfuge like 'The United States' to which it can limit constitutional guarantees. It will be compelled sooner or later to meet the proposition as to whether congress can enact laws for these insular possessions which are contrary to the express inhibitions of the constitution. The decision, standing by itself, will become the source of endless mischief and confusion. But its harm will not end there. Following so closely upon the decision in the income tax case, it will inevitably convince the people that the supreme court holds the laws of congress, according as it deems them wise or unwise.

With the wisdom of a law the court properly has no concern, and its only inquiry ought to be whether the law is or is not constitutional. For many years this rule was followed by the court, and then its decisions were respected by all men; but I regret to say that at this time the conviction is almost universal in the public mind that the most important decisions are political rather than judicial.

Presidential booms have been before now constructed of flimsy materials, but nothing was ever flimsier than the material out of which a few republicans are trying to build a boom for Senator Foraker-the decision of the supreme court that the Porto Rican tariff act is constitutional. There is one unsurmountable obstacle to Foraker's getting the republican nomination-Hanna. Hanna wants that nomination himself; but even if he didn't he would not allow Foraker to get it.

order to make it meet the demands of that captured Aguinaido; they were the McKinley administration, is to under command of General Funston." doubt their intelligence. Democrats, Surely one Sampson should be an amof course, regret that this decision dle sufficiency for both the army and

> The Plattsmouth pest hospital is empty, and the contagion seems to have died out in town for want of victims.

#### Read it In His Newspaper.

George Schaub, a well known Gerponent of the constitution, said of the | man citizen of New Lebanon, O., is a constant reader of the Dayton Volkszeitung. He knows that this paper advertises only the best in its columns. Houte when he saw Chamberlain's pain balm advertised therein for lame back, he LINCOLN didn't hesitate to buy a bottle of it for his wife, who for weeks had suffered with the most terrible pains in her back and could get no relief. He says: "After using pain balm for a few days No. 31 Local to Pacific Junemy wife said to me. 'I feel as if born No. 4 anew,' and before using all the contents of the bottle the pains had en-tirely vanished and she could again take up her household duties." He is No. 26 very thankful and hopes that all suf-No. 8 fering likewise will hear of her won-No. 19

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