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WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—If calling a man a socialist or an anarchist would answer arguments, those contained in the dissenting opinions of Justices Harlan, Jackson, Brown and White, who voted against the decision of the supreme court which wiped out the income tax law, have been thoroughly answered. But there are people—lots of them, too—who refuse to accept personal abuse as answers to plain, common sense argument. These people believe that the position taken by the dissenting justices to have been right and will continue to so believe until somebody answers the arguments they used to support their opinions in some other way than by abuse. It is not the first time that Justice Harlan has stood up as the special champion of the great common people and fearlessly pointed out the danger of the continued encroachments of wealth, and it probably is not the last time.

Certainly the following, from Justice Harlan's opinion, are not the words of an anarchist: "In my judgment—to say nothing of the disregard of the former adjudications of this court, and the practice of the government for a century—this decision may well excite the greatest apprehensions. It strikes at the very foundations of national authority; in that it denies to the general government a power which is or may become vital to the existence and preservation of the Union. * * * Are those in whose behalf arguments are made that rest upon favoritism by the law-making power to mere property and to particular sections of the country, aware that they are provoking a contest which in some countries has swept away, in a tempest of frenzy and passion, existing social organizations, and put in peril all that was dear to friends of law and order? * * * The practical, if not direct, effect of the decision to-day is to give to certain kinds of property a position of favoritism and advantage that is inconsistent with the fundamental principles of our social organizations, and to invest them with power and influence that may be perilous to that portion of the American people upon whom rests the larger part of the burdens of the government and who ought not to be subjected to the dominion of aggregated wealth any more than the property of the country should be at the mercy of the lawless."

Apropos of the decision is the gossip now floating around Washington about the cost of the legal talent employed to fight the constitutionality of the income tax. More money was paid to lawyers in this case than would pay the salaries of the nine justices of the supreme court for a period of five years. One man—Joseph H. Choates—got a fee of \$200,000. These things furnish a significant proof of the truth of some of Justice Harlan's warning words.

The administration is being prepared by its friends for a defeat in Kentucky on the silver question. Col. O. O. Stealey, the Washington representative of Col. Henry Watterson and close friend of Secretary Carlisle, has just returned from Kentucky. He said when asked what he thought would be the outcome of the silver fight: "Well, I have just been making a little tour of the state. I was in fifteen counties. My belief is that there will be a plank inserted in the state platform favoring the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. Maybe Secretary Carlisle, Senator Lindsay and Col. Watterson can prevent it, but it is my present impression that it is inevitable." It is, of course, unnecessary to say that Col. Stealey is not a silver man.

The news from Illinois is about the same as that from Kentucky. Senator Palmer, who has been the leader of the administration fight against the free silver democrats, and personal representative of President Cleveland, has abandoned the fight and is now in Washington to report the failure of his campaign. He insists that the silver craze is subsiding in this state, but raises doubts of the accuracy of his judgment by adding that the democratic convention, which will be held in June, will enthusiastically declare for the free coinage of silver at a 16 to 1 ratio. But he says the enthusiasm will be manufactured and that the action of the convention will mean nothing. The silver men naturally ask why so much effort was expended to prevent the election of silver delegates if the action of the convention was considered meaningless.

There will be no extra session of congress on account of the loss of the revenue expected from the income tax, if the administration can prevent it, and it probably can, unless an extended raid is made upon the gold in the treasury. In that case it is thought Mr. Cleveland would call an extra session in preference to issuing more bonds.

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W. E. Overton was in Indianapolis from Monday to Wednesday purchasing a fine line of surreys for the carriage repository of Robert Randle. Mr. Randle sold three fine vehicles last week.

Spitler & Austin are reported to have concluded arrangements for putting up a fine brick block between the new Odd Fellow's building and the bank block.

Rev. B. F. Ferguson officiated at the wedding of Mr. Dell Thornton and Miss Mary E. Timmons, at the home of Mrs. Eliza Reed, last Sunday evening.

Mrs. Robert Randle, with daughters Mabel and Ida and son David, will leave about June 10 for a couple of months in Colorado. They will visit Mrs. Randle's brother, E. C. Nowels at Lamar, in the fertile Arkansas valley, where the big irrigating ditches are located, and before returning will visit Denver, Manitou, Pike's Peak, Garden of the Gods, and all the tourist points.

Celebrate the Fourth at Rensselaer.

There will probably be a gun club contest, as the Iriquois Gun Club is a strong organization, and in a position to make it a splendid feature. The matter will be acted upon at once and it is more than likely that a number of the best clubs in Indiana will be in attendance.

Short Order Restaurant.

T. H. Robertson has opened up a first class restaurant next to Huff's jewelry store in Rensselaer, where he will serve meals as ordered at all hours. He solicits a share of the public's patronage and assuring all that they will be given the best of service and courteous treatment.

Roy Yeoman, about 12 years old, son of Andy Yeoman of Pleasant Ridge, had his team run with him while coming to town the first of the week. The wagon was upset and tongue broken, but no serious harm resulted.

Will A. Mossler, manager of the popular Model store, was in Chicago yesterday, purchasing a line of the latest up-to-date summer fabrics, for the great sale which he has announced for Saturday, June 1.

Children's Day will be observed at the Christian church next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. A very delightful program will be rendered by the Sunday school children who have complete charge of the exercises. All are cordially invited.

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