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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent

For the Democrat

What has become of the principle of protection so prominent in the Chicago platform of 1888?

The hardest blow yet received by the Tariff, and the tariff ring, heretofore the sole issue and source of sustenance, respectfully, of the republican party, has just been delivered by the President. He has had occasion to be seriously provoked by the manner in which his suggestions were tabled during the present session, by both Houses of Congress.

In fact, the old Republican ship is at sea and in a heavy gale of wind. She has drifted amongst dangerous rocks that threaten her with destruction.

The Pilot has ordered "hard a port" and the G. O. P. is drifting before the wind, directly out of the course that it has pursued "from such a time that the memory of man runneth not to the contrary".

The constitution authorizes and encourages the President to frequently offer advice to Congress. But the tariff and silver questions were so occult, and the intricacies and interest of his position so great and various that the President chose to refrain from any public expression on the subject. Nevertheless he managed to have his exact ideas on both

questions conveyed to the prominent republican members. But, in spite of that caution, his own party has made the present administration appear ridiculous and contemptible.

When that body of illustrious and conservative statesmen in the Senate flew off on a wild tangent, and departing from every sound principle of political economy passed the Silver Bill, the ill-tidings of its action nearly took away Harrison's breath. He certainly deserves forgiveness, blue-blooded Presbyterian though he is, if he made some remark emphatic enough to bring a blush to the cheeks of Mr. Wanamaker.

As the matter now stands, a few men who own silver mines in the West, propose to arrange the whole business of the country for their personal benefit. It is natural that they should want a steady market for their products. The bill, which they have just succeeded in passing through the Senate, makes the government their regular customer, which is obliged to pay to them an exorbitant price for their ore—a price that it would not command in the market.

The President has been pricked to heroic measures to recover from the blunder. It is a broad departure for his party to make, in traveling from the position it has held so long, to Free Trade. But to make the journey easier, as the first stage the President proposes to extend commercial liberty only to countries of the Western-hemisphere.

The document, which was sent to Congress through the medium of the Secretary of State, is very long and with it was transmitted a report of the Pan-American Congress, recommending treaties of reciprocity with American countries.

The increase of duty on wool is protested against as restricting trade, and utterly useless and unnecessary. The McKinley tariff bill is sternly attacked; generally and in detail. The Finance committee of the Senate acknowledges that a personal assault has been made upon it by the President and Secretary of State.

An amendment to the tariff bill offered, and introduced in the Senate by Mr. Hale of Maine, the intimate friend of the Secretary.

It provided that the ports of the United States shall be declared free and open to the products of any country of America, whenever such country shall admit free bread stuffs, provisions, and other food products, petroleum and other articles from the United States.

The message declares that absolute freedom of trade with the countries of America "would lead to the opening of new and profitable markets for the products of which we have so large a surplus, and thus invigorate every branch of agricultural and mechanical industry".

It was urged that to take duty off of sugar and wool would give the South American countries an advantage over the United States, in commerce; but it was recommended that the ports be left absolutely free to all American countries with which treaties of reciprocity were made.

The republican senators are straining themselves in an effort to pass a federal election law, that it may become operative before the fall elections. Mr. Lodge has reported the bill, drafted in pursuance of instructions from the republican caucus. The republican members say that they will allow the democrats about thirty days for debate and filibustering, if they are so inclined; but at the end of that period, considering the urgency of prompt action on their part, discussion will be cut off, and the bill passed.

HARRISON AND QUAY.

We desire to say to the President that every further step he takes in company with Mr. Quay and his followers will be another step on the road to political disaster. The indications ought to be pretty plain by this time that the warnings of the American, begun more than a year ago, were not without good foundation. We assured Gen. Harrison that he could not afford to embark with such a company as Mr. Quay commanded; undersuch a flag as they carried, and that evil was sure to result if he did so. It will hardly be denied, we think, that there are now abundant evidences of the soundness of this statement. The politics of Pennsylvania are confused and convulsed. There is hardly one county from the Delaware to the Ohio which is not angry and inharmonious. There is not an intelligent and conscientious republican in the State who does not realize the injuries which Quayism has wrought, and does not feel that this has been greatly increased by the favor which the President has shown to so unworthy and mischievous an element. These seeds of distraction and disunity which the administration insisted upon sowing, have sprung up in all directions, and give signs of an abundant crop of disaster. Is it possible then, that the President means to sow still more of them, and that he is ready to furnish the means wherewith Mr. Quay shall bribe enough delegates to assure Mr. Delamater's nomination? Two years ago we should have declared with absolute confidence that such a thing was not possible.—Philadelphia American. (Rep.)

A farmer informs the Greenville Reflector that he cured a pig of the cholera by digging a hole in the ground and tying the pigs feet together and covering it up with dirt, except its mouth. He says his pig was cured by this process.

ABUSIVE PREACHING.

It is rarely the case that denunciatory preaching does any good. Surely it often does harm. I doubt if in the history of the world a single soul has ever been turned from the error of his way by abuse.

Errorists are not won by fiery onslaughts upon their sincerity, nor by a scornful depreciation of their intelligence. If one be sincere in his belief that an error is the truth, has anything been done towards enlightening his mind by charging him with dishonesty? So unjust a charge has provoked his resentment and left him farther than ever from the truth. You have hurt his feelings without offering to convince his judgment. If he is incensed, you have reminded him of it in a way that rather repulses than persuades. So whether one be honest or dishonest in holding to error, it would appear that furious assault is not calculated to dislodge him.

And to speak slightly of the good sense of those whose errors you would correct, flies equally wide of the mark. To call a wise man a fool is to excite either his pity or his contempt; and to apply the epithet where it rightly belongs, would be to blind with hatred and rage.

If it be better to denounce than to connive at error, may it not be better still to do neither?

Whatever may be thought of what I have here dotted down without taking time to weigh very carefully, I am sure that we can lose nothing by trying to conform our preaching to the inspired direction: "The servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient; in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves.—J. E. Hutton, in Biblical Recorder.

Vance for President.

Suppose, then, that the farmers in the democratic party were to suggest to the hot heads of that party to stop booming Cleveland and Hill for the nomination, and feel the pulse of the country on Senator Vance for awhile. What a stir it would make! True, they might lose a doubtful state, but they would gain half-a-dozen in the place of it. The reason is plain and simple. Vance is noted as a plain man of the people, a wise man, a pure man, an honest able and efficient man. His people love him, and tears of joy will come to the eyes of a North Carolinian everytime he hears praises of "Old Zeb Vance." Old and young, republicans and democrats, rich and poor, black and white, will all alike feel happy and safe when such men are chosen.—National Economist.

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The Theory of Dew.

It is now held by the best physicists that instead of falling from above the dew rises from the earth. The general opinion received is that the dew is formed of vapor existing at the time in the atmosphere must be given up for the established fact that the vapor which arises from the heated earth is trapped by the surface earth. Besides, when we imagine that on a cool evening after a sultry day in summer, our feet are being wet by the dew on the grass, we make a grave mistake. For that moisture on the grass is not dew at all, it is false dew—in reality the transpired humor of the plant. The drops at the tips, which glisten diamond-like are not dew; close examination shows that these crystalline spheres are all situated at the points where the veins of the leaves cut the outer edges. These drops only give evidence of the vitality of the plant.

The difference between the true dew on the grass and the exuded drops through the veins from within the grass, can be easily distinguished, for the former is distributed all over the blade in a moist film; whereas the latter of some size, and are situated near the tips of the blade. Altered, then, is the meaning of the line, "Like blade of grass keeps its ain drop o' dew," for those globules on the petal, shaking to the same sweet air, and often "gliding all fragrance into one", are no dew drops, but are exudations of the healthy plants. They give evidence of the elixir vitae of vegetation; whereas, the true dew is the pearly luster, varnished in filmy humidity over the blades by that wondrous alchemy which transforms the vapor rising from the ground into the ground into the plant refreshing dew.—Good Words.

Death of Mrs. Gov. Caldwell.

Mrs. Minerva Caldwell, the widow of the late Gov. Todd R. Caldwell, died in Morganton Saturday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. R. Collet. Mrs. Caldwell died suddenly of heart disease, she had been a sufferer from this disease for some time. She was the daughter of the late Wm. Cain, of Hillsboro, and sister to Judge Ruffin's wife. She leaves only two living children, Mrs. Collett, of Morganton, and Mrs. Walter Brem, of Charlotte.

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Who will be Hayes' Successor

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Mr. Harris ("Uncle Remus") in his biographical sketch of H. W. Grady, gives an interesting account of the gifted and eloquent young Georgian's manner of preparation. He says he could not compose his speeches in advance of the occasion. Several times he tried to do so, but in every case the speech he delivered was something quite different from that which he had prepared. He spoke, in fact, upon the inspiration of the moment, and was most eloquent when he had apparently given least thought to what he should say.

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Mr. W. B. Glenn, the well known Winston lawyer, is engaged in writing a book. It is a biography of the prominent lawyers of the State, and will be published in two large volumes. In searching the old records of data for use in the book he is writing, Mr. Glenn discovered that President Andrew Jackson was sworn in as a constable for one of the townships in Guilford county.—Messenger.

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