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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent

For the Democrat

Mr. Harrison and Mr. Blaine cannot continue their present relations much longer, unless there is a radical change of mind on the part of one of them. That becomes plainer and plainer every day to those familiar with the inside workings of the administration. Mr. Harrison has finished his message, and it has been shown to every member of the cabinet, except Mr. Blaine. The reason for this action on the part of Mr. Harrison is that he has gone directly contrary to the views of Mr. Blaine on at least two important matters dealt with by the message, and he has delayed showing the message to Mr. Blaine, fearing that it might cause an open row between them. Of course it will have to be shown to the Secretary of State before Congress meets but there will be no trouble, so far as Mr. Blaine is concerned. He made up his mind when the McKinley bill became a law that the republican party was doomed, and since that time he has not bothered his head with matters outside of his hobby, reciprocity.

The leaders of his party have nearly all turned to him as the Moses to lead them out of the wilderness, and that is what is so galling to Mr. Harrison, who wants vindication in the shape of a renomination; but one of Mr. Blaine's warmest and closest personal friends told me that unless there should come a great change in the prospects of the republican party before 1892, Mr. Blaine would under no circumstances accept the nomination. One defeat being quite enough for him.

Unless a prominent Government official is off in his prediction, there will be a vacancy in the office of Commissioner of Pensions between this and January. Mr. Harrison having fully decided that Raum shall go.

The Congressional lameducks among the republicans are all trying to pick out something under the Government that will enable them to keep hold of the public seat after the 4th of next March, but it will be a difficult matter to provide for even a small number of them.

One of the principal occupations of the republican leaders just now is stiffening up the political back bones of the small fry Congressmen as they get in. About three out of four of them want to revise the McKinley tariff law at the coming session. That, the leaders are determined to prevent of possible.

Several of the candidates for Speaker of the next House have opened head-quarters here, but there are not enough of the members-elect of the fifty-second Congress yet here to make anything like a lively contest. But they will all be here a little

later, as an extra session is believed to be almost certain which will make it necessary to elect the Speaker about nine months earlier than if there was no meeting until December next.

The Farmers Alliance and its future movements is much discussed by returning Congressmen, and many of them believe that a consolidation of it and the labor organizations will take place before the next Presidential campaign. The republicans fear the organization most, because it antagonizes the principles of that party most. With two or three exceptions any good democrat could support the platform of the alliance.

The fight for free and unlimited silver coinage is to be renewed as soon as Congress meets and a powerful weapon, in the appointment of a successor to Chairman Conger, of the House committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures who resigned to go to Brazil as U. S. minister, is in the hands of Speaker Reed. Mr. Reed is one of bitterest opponents of free coinage, in the House, but for all that it is not certain although it is probable, that he will put an anti-silver man at the head of that committee. The committee is said to be now evenly divided on the question, so that in deciding upon the new member of the committee, Speaker Reed will really decide whether the committee shall report a free coinage bill.

Speaking of Mr. Reed, the republicans are very much worried because certain democrats have determined that a democratic committee of the next House investigate the methods by which he was elected. There is no contest, nor is there to be, but it is believed that an investigation in that district will show up a great deal of republican crookedness, and the democrats propose doing it.

Many democrats think the republican Congressional apportionment bill should be opposed on the ground that the Census has not been correctly taken. Of course, if the republicans can keep a quorum of their own men on the floor of the House no amount of opposition can prevent its passage but it may not be amiss to show up certain things about the Census.

Gen. Nelson A. Miles has assumed command of his military division at Chicago. A reporter asked him if there is any danger of another outbreak among the Indians, to which he replied: "Not at the present anyway. The danger of Indian troubles is decreasing every year for various reasons. I hardly think there will ever be another serious Indian war."

Persons who lead a life of exposure are subject to rheumatism, neuralgia and lumbago, and will find a valuable remedy in Dr. J. H. McLean's Volcanic Oil Liniment; it will banish pain and subdue inflammation.

The present indications are that the republicans will not get through explaining their recent defeat before the next one overwhelms them in '92.

Programme for Cleveland and Hill.

Only a few of our democratic exchanges advocate Hill for President in 1892. We are opposed to his nomination under any circumstances. The Brooklyn Eagle, Hill's friend, proposes an arrangement that might work. It says:

"The thing for Mr. Cleveland to do is just to do nothing at all, but let the honor and the responsibility, if he should be willing to assume them again, come to him with the gravitation of a ground swell from all parts of the Union, and that the thing for Mr. Hill to do is to recognize the invincible preference of the great body of the national Democracy for the leader who, in 1888, presented and personified the issue to which the people in 1890 have said amen by the majestic voice of a commanding majority. Let the Governor go to the Senate for a period lasting to the close of President Cleveland's second term, and, in the Eagle's opinion, a course so unselfish so harmonizing and so patriotic on his part would necessarily make David B. Hill himself the Chief Magistrate of the United States for the two terms following Mr. Cleveland's re-election to the office in 1892."—Carolinian.

Two Harmful Classes.

There is a class of farmers very busy just now going about saying all sorts of evil things against their fellow citizens, who are engaged in vocations other than that of farming. This is all wrong, and such persons are enemies to the farmers, and are not entitled to respect, or to be trusted by any class of our citizens. Such conduct is born of selfishness, meanness and cowardice. On the other hand, there is still another class—not farmers, who are doing all in their power to prejudice the merchants and manufacturers against the farmers. Of the two classes, the latter are doing the most harm however, for the farmer can better afford to do without the middle man than the middle man can do without the farmer. Conservatism and a proper appreciation of the rights of each other would create a better feeling between the two classes. The farmer and the merchant have existed from the earliest periods of civilization and will continue to exist until the end of time. The day is not far distant however, when the farmer by education and organization will be strong enough to command equal recognition with any other class that controls the world.—Southern Farmer.

At a recent meeting of the Board or Directors of the Linville Improvement Co., Mr. Henry W. Fries, of Salem, N. C., was elected a member of the Board to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Capt. Walter W. Lenoir, of Watauga county.—Morganton Herald.

Peterson is With Us.

I want to say a few words about the result of the recent election. I am so well satisfied that I feel like hollowing out, "Sal throw another knot on the fire." This happy feeling in this result may be a surprise to my good radical friends. I say good radicals, for there was a time when we were good radicals. That was just after the close of the war, and for several years after, but as time went on good radicals got to be bad radicals, but I kept with them, with every degree of patience as I well knew that the work to be done in the new situation was a sort of guess work, or like one working in the dark. But as time went on and mistakes in proceeding became so plain that fair minded men could see that there was more meanness than ignorance with the radicals then in power, there was no repealing of mistakes and bad acts, and no legislation for the good of the people, but they legislate for themselves in the form of a salary grab-net. So you see good radicals became bad radicals and I quit them, and I must own up that I feel good over it, and the result of the recent election show that many other men won't be bad radicals any longer, or that they will not be lead by bad radicals.

I would like to say something about all these good men who voted in these elections. It shows that we have used our rights and liberties as a free people, and that we will not always be lead by defiant and corrupt leaders. I would like to say more on this matter, and I will say that I don't think that there will be a Republican President in the United States during the present generation. I think our next President will be our ex-President, Grover Cleveland. He stood up so manfully for the rights of the people that he well deserves every freeman's vote, but we need not go out of our own State for good timber for a President. Our Hon. Senator, Zeb Vance, would make a good President, but to compromise in this matter, let's say Cleveland for President, and Vance for vice-President.—John Peterson, in Daily Eagle.

The Public School System.

If the children of North Carolina are to be educated in the public schools, the State must put up the cash. Uncle Sam will not help us out. The seventy millions that Senator Blair wanted to scatter among the school houses of the country have been squandered, and before the appropriations already made by the reckless horde that controlled the memorable fifty-first Congress are met there will be a deficit ranging anywhere from forty to one hundred millions. The children of North Carolina must look to the state alone for an education unless they have parents who can afford to educate them. This is clear, now that Will o' the

Wisp, the Blair bill has disappeared. It is equally clear that the present school tax is inadequate. The Legislature soon to assemble will be confronted by no question more serious than this. North Carolina is too great a state to rest under the taunt of having the greatest percentage of illiteracy among her people of any state in the Union. The request of the state Alliance that the school tax be doubled is nothing but just and right, and it is a very poor kind of citizen who would be unwilling to pay an additional twelve and a half cents on each one hundred dollars of taxable property he possesses in order that the children of the state may have a better chance to get an education. We hope to see the Legislature do something handsome in the way of giving the boys and girls of the state, however poor, a chance to have an even start in the race of life with their more fortunate fellows, at least as far as education will go.—Morganton Herald.

Gorman's Warning.

Senator A. P. Gorman, of Maryland, has issued a note of warning to the democratic party, as follows:

"While the democrats throughout the land are to be congratulated on the handsome manner in which they turned out and went to the polls on election day, it must not be forgotten that a careful review of the figures will show but a slight increase in the democratic vote. It will not do for us to break ranks and imagine that we have secured a position that cannot be shaken by our enemies two years hence. I have been looking over the figures this morning, and I find that we polled within 900 of our full vote in Baltimore city, while the republicans were several thousand short. So it goes in nearly all of the states. The returns show that the republicans were so disgusted with their leaders in Congress that they refused to vote for them. They did not turn around and vote for us, but they simply remained away from the polls. Thus it will be seen that men do not change their politics any more readily than they change their religion.

"They will refuse to vote with their party sometimes but they seldom vote with their enemies. It, therefore, behooves our people to maintain their organization and endeavor to hold the advantage they have gained in the recent struggle."

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