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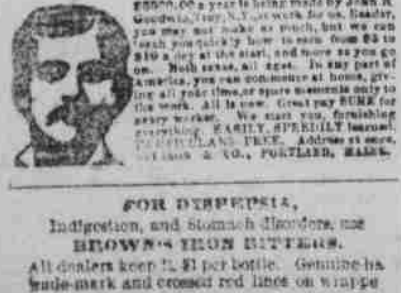
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Notice.
For sale, 900 acres of land, on Rich Mountain, Watauga County, on which is asbestos, and fine land for sheep ranch. Sales private. L. D. Lowe & J. T. Furgerson, Ex'rs. of Mrs. A. P. Calloway, de'd. Banner Elk, Nov. 15 '90.

NOTICE.
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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Speaker Crisp at Fortress Monroe, and unless he disobeys the positive orders of his physician he will not return this week, although he said when he left that he would return in time to preside over the House on Wednesday, unless he was too unwell to do so. In his absence no meeting of the committee on Rules can be held to act upon the request of those who signed the petition asking that a date be set for the consideration of the free coinage bill, and, in view of the announcement that the Ways and Means committee would on the first of March call up one of the tariff bills for consideration, the situation is a little embarrassing, and calls for some very fine party management.

It is estimated that not less than six weeks will be required for the debate on the three tariff bills, and as several of the appropriation bills will meanwhile be reported and disposed of, it seems safe to say that it will be tariff bills. Mr. Bland, speaking for the silver democrats, says they will not object to the tariff bills having precedence, if the committee on Rules will set a day for the consideration of the free coinage bill, but that they will give way nothing unless such a day is set. He will not hear of the compromise proposition which has been suggested, that an early day in the next session of Congress be set for the taking up of the free coinage bill. Some sort of a compromise, such as can be approved by all conservative democrats, will have to be reached before the House can proceed much farther. It is an absolute political necessity.

The Government printing office deficiency for the current fiscal year is \$385,000. Notwithstanding the immense appropriations made by the billion dollar Congress, there will be a deficiency in nearly every one of the departments of the Government.

Mr. D. O. Mills, who is the head of the syndicate which holds the Behrings Sea sealing privilege, was the fellow guest of Mr. Harrison and Secretary Blaine at a dinner given by his old business associate, Secretary Elkins, an evening or two ago, and gossip says his coming here at this time is closely connected with the business before the Behring's Sea commission. With two such friends as Secretaries Blaine and Elkins in the cabinet, Mr. Mills has a right to feel confident that his interests will be properly protected by the administration.

Representative Harter, of Ohio, whose opposition to the free coinage of silver has given him considerable prominence of late, has handed Mr. Holman, chairman of the democratic caucus, a request signed by forty odd democrats, for the calling of a caucus on the silver question, and Mr. Holman says he will issue the call this week. The call may be issued and the

caucus held, but unless it is much more largely attended than the last caucus held for the same purpose, it is not probable that it will settle the policy to be pursued by the House.

The committee to investigate the Pension bureau will hold its second meeting Thursday, when a day will be set to begin taking evidence, which promises to be voluminous. Representative Cooper and Endoe will represent the prosecution, so to speak, and Ex-Representative Payson, of Illinois, and Green B. Raum, Jr., are counsel for the commissioner of Pension. It may be that the beginning of the investigation may be postponed a few days to accommodate Representative Cooper, who is one of the leading counsel in a murder trial to take place in Indiana.

Congress is in Chicago today, and the capital reminds one of the middle of the long recess, so quiet is everything. The adjournment was only until tomorrow, but as there is not a quorum of either House or Senate here, nothing can be done until Wednesday, when the excursionists will be back.

It seems strange that a man who was set down upon by the voters of the country as hard as was ex-Czar Reed, should cherish political ambition, but he does, and he is working to secure support of the Maine delegation to the Minneapolis convention to his Presidential pretensions. Mr. Harrison has called upon Mr. Blaine to checkmate the movement, and he has promised to do so, but the man in the White House is afraid of the ex-Speaker all the same, as he knows that he bears him neither love nor good-will.

It begins to look as though the joint resolution providing for a constitutional amendment authorizing the election of Senators by the people would get through Congress at this session.

DIFFERENCES RECONCILED.

NEW ORLEANS, La.—The conference committee representing the two factions of the Louisiana Democrats came to an agreement by which the two tickets of State officers, nominated at Baton Rouge in December last, shall be submitted to a vote of the white democrats of the State to be cast at a primary election, the ticket receiving the largest number of votes to be declared the regular Democratic ticket and voted as such at the general election in April next and the other to be withdrawn. This proposition originated with the Foster faction. It has already been accepted and ratified by the McEury faction, but the Foster faction will not declare its position upon it until this afternoon. The agreement also provides for a selection of a State Central committee to supersede the rival bodies now in existence.

The date of the primaries will be set far enough off to give both parties an opportunity of making a vigorous campaign.

The Hill Convention.

The Democratic State Convention met at Albany yesterday and although all sorts of dire mishaps were predicted by the Clevelanders nothing more serious occurred than the election of a solid delegation for senator Hill. Mr. Hill has handled the situation with consummate tactical shrewdness. He holds New York State or at least he thinks he does, in his fist.

Mr. Cleveland's followers were so few and so powerless that they are not worth consideration. Mr. Hill stole a march on them in the choice of an early date, and they were so dazed and bewildered that they did nothing more than enter a feeble protest. They lost the game at the beginning and have nothing left except to sulk in their tents.

The course which Mr. Hill is pursuing, however, is extremely interesting. It is also somewhat novel and quite unique in the annals of our time. He proposes to force himself on the Chicago convention as the nominee of the Democratic party. He is evidently honest in the belief that it can be done and that he can do it. He thinks it possible to persuade the convention that they must either choose him for the first place or suffer inevitable defeat. With the cry of "Hill and Tammany!" he hopes to sweep the land. It is a scheme admirable for its very audacity, the boldest that has ever been recorded in our annals.

But yesterday's convention emphasized the fact that New York State is very badly split. Hill has the machine without a doubt, but a very large number of Democrats are yet to be convinced that he has the people. All this show is well enough in its way, but the party of the State has a very bitter feud on its hands, and the aggressive policy of Mr. Hill has excited a degree of opposition which renders the vote of November uncertain for himself though it drives Cleveland out of the field.

The National convention will not be unmindful of that state of affairs, for Mr. Hill has furnished the strongest possible argument in favor of the position taken by the Herald months ago. We they said, and have since found no occasion to change our mind, that the nominee for the Presidency should not hail from New York. The great bulk of the people believe that Tammany methods should not be introduced into the White House and nothing could be more unfortunate for the Democrats than to nominate any one who would make the anti-Tammany cry an important element of the campaign.

A Western man who has also the respect of the South—a man like Watterson, for instance—with Hill for second place, would be certain to carry New York and the country. The Democrats of this State, now divided into factions and losing no opportunity to knife each other, would unite on such a ticket, and carry the banner to undoubted victory.—New York Herald.

What Shall the Future Be?

Cor. News and Observer.

To every picture there is a dark as well as a bright side. In my article on "The Progress of Civilization in the United States," I tried to present the bright side; in this I wish to speak a word of warning and exhortation.

Such injustice as class legislation, the concentrating of money into the hands of the few by trusts and combinations, and the appointment by partisan officials of negroes to occupy public positions, when good, honest white men can be obtained, mean something. It means that such corrupt administration meets with the most severe disapproval of every patriotic citizen. I hope and believe that the people of this country will very soon rise up, as one man, under the Democratic banner and scatter such corruption forever to the four winds of heaven. The election of 1892 means a great deal to our people. It means Republicanism or democracy—class legislation or equal representation, negro appointments in the South or white officers, extravagant squandering of public money or government economically administered. Nearly every class of people in this country and especially the farmers have been and are oppressed by radical rule except the moneyed class. In other words the rich are made richer or while the poor grow poorer. Is it not time to check this diabolical robbery? We need reforms, but no Third Party. I believe with Ben Tilton: "In fighting for reforms inside of party lines." Let the alliance and non-alliance factions compromise their differences, if any, and march shoulder to shoulder under the Democratic flag to the polls in November and cast their votes for Democracy, and the result will be the greatest Democratic victory achieved in many long years.

"United we stand; divided we fall." Let those who advocate the Third party movement have patience to give the Democrats one fair chance. Give us a Democratic President, and a Democratic majority in the Senate and House of Representatives, then the people need fear no harm. Our treasury shall be protected—our government shall be safe—our country shall be safe, and our people shall be safe. White men, if you would be true to your country—true to your families, and true to yourselves, enlist today under the Democratic banner. Fellow citizens, a great responsibility rests upon us. It is our duty to impress upon young minds of the rising generation that the principles of Democracy are sacred. And teach them to ever vote with and for a party whose platform guarantees a government by the people, for the people and through the people. WAKE DEMOCRAT.

A Pennsylvania Mill Company will remove a \$1,000,000 capitalized plant to Chattanooga.

Capt. Alexander Says an Anti-Option Bill Will Pass.

Washington Post.

Mr. Alexander, of North Carolina, says that it will be a measure that will suppress fictitious buying and selling, and yet will not interfere with what the commercial world calls legitimate trading. "All the witnesses we have heard," he says, "say that they are willing that the selling of options should be suppressed, but they do not make a clear definition between the selling of options and futures. My opinion is that if the Board of Trade of Chicago, or in any other place, offered a bill that would certainly prevent fictitious buying and selling, while at the same time if it did not interfere with legitimate trade, the committee would adopt it unanimously. It will take some time to frame the bill, but when it is framed it will pass the House—perhaps not by a two-third vote, but certainly by an ample majority.

Cleveland Rethusiasm in West Va.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Feb. 23.—

The meeting of the Democrats of the Fourth Congressional District was held here today, several hundred persons being present, the object being the organization of a league of clubs in the district. Congressman Capehart, Governor Fleming and other prominent democrats from all parts of the State were present and made speeches. The league was organized and the hardest campaign the State has ever known was begun. During the meeting a resolution declaring allegiance to Senator Hill was almost unanimously defeated, while Cleveland's name was greeted with rousing cheers.

Horrible Murder and Cannibalism.

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 22.—

News of a horrible story of murder and cannibalism near Ray's mill has been received. Lucy President, a degraded and idiotic negro woman left her home and nine-months-old infant in charge of her two older children, Mark and Linda, aged respectively nine and eleven years. She went to work at the place of Mr. J. A. Knight, two miles distant. After her departure Mark, with an axe, deliberately knocked the baby in the head. He took a fork and gouged out the eyes of the little one which he roasted, and then taking a slice out of either jaw, he and his sister sat themselves down to a feast. When the mother returned and found what had been done she did not show the least sign of maternal grief.

A Cincinnati man says: "Hill is the only man with whom the Democrats can hope to win this year. Not because of any special virtue, except that he is a bachelor, and the party has always been successful with bachelors. The first one they elected was Van Buren, then Buchanan, Tilden, Cleveland, while he was a bachelor. After he married he was defeated, as we know. Thus, luck has always been with the Democracy when led by an unmarried man, and Hill will be no exception, and should be the nominee."