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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

The anti-Harrison republicans are jubilant over what they say is the certainty that Mr. Harrison cannot be nominated at Minneapolis. They point exultingly to the nearly six hundred uninstructed delegates, and sneer at the fact that only four States that the republicans have any reasonable hope of carrying—Illinois, Indiana, Nebraska, and South Dakota—have instructed for Harrison and some of them do not hesitate to say that the majority of the rest of the instructed delegates, all from the South, could easily be taken away from Mr. Harrison by cash purchase, if it were necessary to do so for to defeat him.

Quay, Platt, Reed and a large number of the most influential republican bosses met here to congratulate themselves on the result detailed in the election of delegates to the Minneapolis convention, and, what is more important to them, to agree upon the ticket to be nominated. The meeting was, of course, a secret one, but it is whispered that it was practically agreed to hold out hopes to Sherman, McKinley, Alger, Depew and other dark horses until the last minute, in order to keep them and their personal followers from going into the Harrison camp and that when the convention meets Blaine and Rusk are to be sprung upon it with a rush and enthusiastically pushed through before the friends of other candidates have an opportunity to pull their wits together.

Mr. Harrison is reported to be contemplating a withdrawal in favor of Senator Cullom. In fact it is said that he told Senator Cullom before the Illinois convention was held that he would do so, as soon as it became apparent that he could not be nominated on the first ballot, and that it was that promise that caused Cullom to get the convention to instruct for Harrison.

Having compelled the Department of Justice to begin legal proceedings against the sugar trust, the House will now do the same for the National Cordage company, the trust which controls binding twine, by adopting a resolution offered by Representative Scott, of Illinois, the same gentleman who introduced the sugar trust resolution, which the House passed last week. It may be that the Sherman anti-trust law, which was enacted by the billion dollar Congress, is entirely worthless, as was charged by democrats when it was passed—there are reasons for believing that it was intended to be—but that it makes the House all the more anxious to see it put to a practical test. If it fails, the House will pass a bill that will not fail, and leave the responsibility for its becoming a law with the trust-loving republican majority in the Senate and the republican

## President.

Representative Bailey, who is member of the House subcommittee engaged in investigating the affairs of the Yellowstone Park Association, thinks Mr. Russell Harrison may find himself in a very unpleasant position before the investigation is over, owing to his readiness to loan his "influence."

The House committee on Post Offices has agreed to report favorably a bill appropriating \$100,000 for the extension of free mail delivery in agricultural districts, and providing for the issue of fractional postal notes.

Again the old cry is raised that Secretary Noble has informed Mr. Harrison that Raum must go, or he would leave the Cabinet. This may or may not be true, but if the charge be true that Raum wrote, without Noble's knowledge, the letter declining to furnish the Pension Office investigating committee with the papers relating to the discharge of certain special pension examiners, and Noble says he did, it would certainly be about what any self-respecting man would do under similar circumstances. The committee through the chairman, Representative Wheeler, asked for these papers and Mr. Raum wrote a letter stating that he was directed by Secretary Noble to decline furnishing them. Now, Secretary Noble says he knew nothing about such a request being made, and that the committee can have the papers or any others on file that they may wish to see. It was well for Secretary Noble that he took so sensible a view of the request, as the committee had determined to take heroic measures by reporting a resolution concerning the refusal of the House, which might have resulted in impeachment proceedings against the Secretary of the Interior.

The thousands of pamphlet copies of Henry George's "Free Trade or Protection," which was recently published in the Congressional Record, that are being distributed throughout the country, are being sent out by individual Representatives, and not by the Democratic Congressional campaign committee.

The silver democrats in the House expect to be able to secure the signatures of a majority of the democrats to a petition asking that a new date be set to vote upon the free coinage bill and that a rule against filibustering be reported, indeed they claim to have a sufficient number of signers.

## Gen. Vance's Speech.

People who have heard General Robert B. Vance in many campaigns declare that his speech before the Democratic convention in the court house on Saturday, was better than all previous efforts. The old wheel-horse of Democracy, "Our Bob," was as happy as he could be—he was to a crowd of men whom he knew personally to be in sympathy with him in his enunciation of Democratic truths,

## and he "fired the woods."

Standing there under the large oil painting of himself which hangs in the court house, General Vance declared that he was as true an alliance man as ever lived and he was proud of the fact. But he was also glad to know that when he entered the council chamber of that great organization, he was told that he must leave all politics, and he and every other member is free to vote according to his own political convictions.

"You ask me if I am a Democrat," continued Gen. Vance, "and I answer yes—yes," and his form became erect and proud, and his eyes gave out the old flash that has brought dismay to his opponents many a time and often. "You ask me if I am a third partyite—this thing born at St. Louis—and I answer you a thousand times—no. This thing that wants the government to buy all the railroads and increase what is now the largest pension list in the world. I was in Congress for twelve years, and I was always the friend of the soldier, but I tell you men and brethren, I do not want this thing. Why, the stench attached to this Third party business is so awful that the man in the moon has to hold his nose when moving over the country where the Third party is known. We will not have it, we must not have it. The Democratic party must work shoulder to shoulder and keep North Carolina in the ranks and under good Democratic government."

The crowd would scarcely let the speaker stop. While he was delivering his speech he was interrupted at frequent intervals by deafening cheers, showing that he has lost none of his old time power to make the unterrified howl themselves hoarse.—Asheville Citizen.

## A Woman in the White House.

Most people remember Mrs. Victoria Woodhull, who, many years ago, was a candidate for the presidency of the U. S. The same woman, who has since married John Biddulph Martin, has just arrived from England, where she has been living for some time, and both she and her husband are members of the royal commission of the World's Fair. Mrs. Martin, it seems, still believes that the people will yet place her in the White House as the President of the U. S. to succeed the present incumbent. In speaking of her purpose in coming back to the United States, Mrs. Martin said:

"Yes, our plans are thoroughly matured. I have come back to ask my people to put me in the White House. Not that I care for the position. I only care for it so far as it will give me the power to inaugurate a system of education which will awaken the people to the responsibility of creating a race of gods instead of the inferior human beings who cumber the face of the earth to-day."

It will appear that Mrs. Woodhull has a great deal of faith with our foundation to rest upon. But, if Mrs. Martin can improve the race as she thinks she can, "creating a race of gods" instead of the inferior human beings who cumber the face of the earth to-day," she ought to have the job.—Greensboro Watchman.

## A Farmer's Eulogy.

Of all the eulogies in literature there is none more beautiful than the following upon Gen. R. E. Lee. It fell from the silver tongue of that eloquent Georgian, Benjamin H. Hill, and is said to have been extempore:

"When the future historian comes to survey the character of Lee he will find it raising like a huge mountain above the undulating plain of humanity, and he will have to lift his eyes high toward heaven to catch its summit. He possessed every virtue of the other great commanders without their vices. He was a foe without hate, a friend without treachery, a soldier without cruelty and a victim without murmuring. He was a public officer without faults, a private citizen without vices, a neighbor without reproach, a christian without hypocrisy, and a man without guile. He was Caesar without his ambition, Frederick without his tyranny, Napoleon without his selfishness and Washington without his reward. He was obedient to authority as a servant and royal in authority as a true king. He was gentle as a woman in life, pure and modest as a virgin in thought, watchful as a Roman vestal in duty, submissive to law as Socrates and grand in battle as Achilles."

The national convention will have a total of 898, and 599 are necessary to a choice. It is understood that from the States that have already held conventions, Cleveland will have 300 delegates. In thirteen other States it is expected that he will get 200; in this batch only Texas and West Virginia of the Southern States appear. That will leave Cleveland to get still about 100 delegates from the South. There are besides Iowa, Connecticut and New Jersey to be heard from. The probabilities seem to be that the old tickets will again be presented, Cleveland against Harrison.—News and Observer.

With Quay sulking in his tent in Pennsylvania, Foraker brandishing an anti-Harrison knife in Ohio, Dudley smarting because he received no substantial benefits for debauching Indiana in 1888 and Alger watching for an opportunity to get even for exposure of his war record, it may be safely asserted that Harrison's dreams are anything but pleasant at present. In the Colorado republican convention, out of over 600 delegates only two could be found who favored a resolution endorsing Harrison.—State Chronicle.

An Ohio woman who has recently taken up a Dakota claim, and incidentally interested a large number of Dakota bachelors, rashly tells a friend of her first western proposal. It was an elderly, wealthy and influential citizen who stalked in to the lady's little kitchen one morning without the formality of an introduction, and blurted: "Say, miss, you don't want to get married, do you?" "No, sir, I don't—emphatically. No sense, I hope mum." "None at all, sir. Good morning." That is the way they do things in South Dakota.—Ex.

## Died to Save his Wife.

Thomas Lorella, the dead gymnast, met his death in a heroic attempt to save the life of his wife at the burning of the Grand Central Theater in Philadelphia on Wednesday night of last week. When the fire broke out he easily made his escape from the dining room and reached the street in safety. He supposed that his wife had preceded him and was safe. Not finding her in the street he returned to the alleyway leading into the rear of the theatre. It was filled with smoke and the flames were beginning to break out of the roof of the theatre. Turning to a friend he said: "I'll see if she is safe if it costs me my life."

Without heeding the remonstrances of those standing about him, he plunged into the dark, smoke-filled alley, and disappeared from view. He was true to his word about seeking his wife, though he met his death on the way, and lies buried beneath the ruins with her.—Ex.

The Elizabeth City Economist says: "The great division between the democratic and republican parties is a tariff for protection, on the republican side, and a tariff for revenue, on the democratic side. The democratic party is doing all it can to reduce the tariff on articles that farmers are interested in and yet some of the farmers are trying to injure the democratic party and benefit the republican party. The tariff has been reduced on sugar, on cotton ties and bagging, and it is now contemplated to take the tariff off of barbed wire, all done by democrats against the votes of the republicans, and yet the Third party people split upon the Democratic party and couple it with the infamous Republican party in their curses and denunciations."

**Lenoir Topic.** Mr. C. C. Wright, of Wilkes, having been elected a member of the Wilkes delegation to the democratic State convention, resigned as a delegate to Butler's convention and J. W. Felts was elected in his place at a called meeting of the county Alliance.

## The Virginia Republican Convention.

**ROANOKE, Va., May 6.**—It was 3 o'clock this morning before the Republican State Convention adjourned. A big fight was made on the question of instructing the delegates to Minneapolis to vote for Harrison. Mahone and Langston opposed this and a while it looked as though a dead lock would ensue. The vote was finally taken and Mahone won by a vote of 392 1/2 to 173 1/2. Mahone stated that if the delegates were instructed to vote for Harrison he would not obey the instructions. The convention then adjourned sine die.

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