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WASHINGTON LETTER. From our Regular Correspondent.

Senator Hill's nomination for governor of New York is still the leading topic of conversation among democrats. While there are a few who for personal reasons do not like the nomination, your correspondent has not discovered a single democrat who doubts his election. There is something about the record of the man that inspires the rank and file of the party with the enthusiasm that wins. And this is not confined to his own State, as shown by the following communication from the President of a Young Men's Democratic Club in Indiana: "Indiana is enthusiastic since David B. Hill was nominated. We feel that the faction have come together in New York, which can only result in the triumph of our party." The opinion of Senator Mitchell, of Wisconsin, now in Washington, is another indication of the way the nomination was received in other States. He says: "It is the strongest nomination that could have been made and it will have a stimulating effect all through the country. While there are rumblings of discontent from some of the anti-Hill factions, they will come around, and I have no doubt he can carry the State." Senator Mitchell's experience as chairman of the Democratic Congressional campaign committee during the last campaign adds weight to his opinion.

Many misstatements, most of them deliberately willful, have been made concerning the attitude of the administration towards the candidacy of Senator Hill. It is, of course, too well known to be discussed that the administration had it made the choice would not have selected Senator Hill as the candidate, but his unanimous nomination furnished strong proof that the administration did not even attempt to influence the convention. It has been charged that the administration was luke-warm towards the ticket headed by Senator Hill and that it would do nothing to aid it in carrying New York. I can state upon high authority that there is not a word of truth in such charges. The administration is not luke-warm towards the ticket. On the contrary, it earnestly desires its election, and will do all that it may probably do—all that it would have done had the head of the ticket been as good a Cleveland man as Representative Dan. Lockwood, the nominee for Lieutenant Governor—to bring about the result.

Secretary Sheerin, of the National Democratic committee, who is high authority on Indiana politics, writes as follows to the Congressional campaign committee: "The situation in this State grows better daily. Our people are making a manly, aggressive fight everywhere. We have no apologies to make, and as the canvass

progresses we find that our people not only expect to apologize but are very well satisfied with the work of Congress. Of course, we would rather have had free coal and iron, but they are so much freer than the Republicans would have them, that our people find much to commend in the legislation as it is."

There are rumors that the trial of Capt. Henry W. Houghton, who while disbursing clerk of the Weather Bureau embezzled more than \$350,000, and who has been a fugitive from justice for 13 years, will bring out sensational disclosures connecting prominent Republicans with his embezzlement. He was arrested last week in New York, where he has lived under an assumed name for six years past. It was stated in Washington at the time of his escape, which was believed to have been connived at by officials, that he would never be rearrested, because he knew too much. It is well known that he might have been arrested years ago had any real effort been made to find him. He has always been in communication with people in Washington.

That "it is an ill will that blows no good" was called to mind by a talk with a South Carolina rice planter, who said: "If the war between Japan and China be protracted it will result in considerable benefit to the rice planters of the Southern States, as it will serve to diminish the importation of rice from China and tend to raise the price of the home products. The Southern rice growers are now in a fairly prosperous condition, but this eastern war may make them still more so by creating a boom in prices. This year's crop is firstrate, both in quantity and quality."

According to the information received from the most trustworthy sources the Republicans, in predicting a break in the Democratic Congressional delegation from Texas, are merely preparing another disappointment for themselves. This is the way Dr. F. D. Thompson, of Fort Worth, who is at present in Washington, sums up the situation in the Lone Star State: "The Populists are pretty active in some of the districts; but they are always a noisy lot, and will not come any nearer success this year than they have in the past. Populism in Texas is simply a revival of the old greenback craze that agitated the State some fifteen years ago, and which succeeded in electing one Congressman—Col. George W. Jones. It is a little curious that Col. Jones is now supporting Representative Sayers in his race against a Populist candidate."

Topic: The populist should, in the language of the writer of Proverb, "Hear counsel, receive instructions, that you may be wise in the latter end." Many then are doing this very thing. They see whether they are drifting and are coming back to their first love—the Democratic party. Its doors are standing wide open to receive the misguided and misled wanderers.

Another Republican Joins the Majority. News and Observer.

There are honest republicans in North Carolina. We state this in black and white because none of them ever got into office. The honest ones have no chance of promotion in that party in North Carolina.

The latest North Carolina Republican office-holder to steal all the money he could find is Rutledge P. Hughes of Granville county. Rutledge was chief clerk in the office of Register of Deeds in Granville. He was also Chairman of the Republican District Executive Committee. When Mr. Settle wanted a prominent and influential Republican from Granville county to preside over the convention that renominated him, he selected Rutledge P. Hughes. The said Hughes was a model Republican presiding officer and presided to Settle's satisfaction. He was a shining mark in Republican circles.

Rutledge did not confine himself to managing the Republican party. He engineered fusion between his party and the Populists. He was as big a man in Granville county as S. Otho Wilson in Wake.

But Rutledge P. Hughes is no more a leader. He has absconded, run away, scooted, left the country, and taken with him all the money in the Register of Deeds' office in Oxford.

The Republicans in Granville are thus bereft when their need was the sorest of their most brilliant, high and trusted leader.

And what is more this is not the first time that Rutledge P. Hughes has played the role of a defaulter. While United States District Marshal in Virginia several years ago he made way with the funds in his hands, it is said, and was removed from the office. It was then that he left that State and came to North Carolina to repeat his little game.

He has gone to join the silent majority of the Southern Republicans who have been trusted with money belonging to the people.

How Many Will Be As Brave?

Bill Rand is not the only honest Populist in Wake Co. who is disgusted with fusion. Every respectable and patriotic farmer in the county who wants "reform more than office" is disgusted. Some of them hesitate to make public their disgust because they hate to be called inconsistent. But, as Bill Rand sees, the only consistent course for a man who loves home and good government is to repudiate the "sell-out." Mr. Rand repudiated fusion, not only because it is "an abandonment of principle" but also to his mind "it is a total disregard of ordinary political decency."

We appeal to every Populist who in 1892 was "proud to forsake party affiliations, break away from neighbors and friends, and seek earnestly to establish the

principles of Peoples' party" to be as brave and manly as Mr. Rand, and repudiate the "sell-out," which was effected, as Mr. Rand put it, "merely for the sake of putting a few traitors of my own party and of the Republican party in office."

The Democrats will give a warm welcome to the old family table to all who show their disgust, and come back home.

Trying To Defeat Bryan.

The anti-silver wing of the Nebraska Democrats, when they saw they were outnumbered by the Bryan forces, bolted the State convention and nominated a ticket of their own. That's about the best way we know to keep the Republican party in power in this country. There was a fair fight between Bryan and the anti-Bryan forces. Bryan won by a big majority. The minority, instead of submitting, rushed off, hired a bull, and set up in business for themselves. Outside of the Federal officeholders these bolters represent very few people, and they at heart are for Bryan. They ought to speak out—repudiate the bolters—and elect Bryan to the Senate even if they have to lose their "bread and butter." And they wouldn't lose it. The patronage-mongers in Nebraska are determined to defeat Bryan because he is too big and too brave to wear their yoke.

Fusion Won't Pass.

Mr. F. Victor Barrier, who was the Populist nominee for cotton-weigher in Cabarrus county in 1892, is now a resident of Salisbury, and in a recent card, published in the Salisbury Herald, says: "I suppose you would like to know my views and where I stand politically. I would say that while there are some things in the Populist platform that I approve of (and I will say right here that for two years I have been with them) since they have mixed up so with the Republicans one can hardly tell one from the other, and as there has never been a drop of Republican blood in me I cannot do anything to enhance Republicanism."

That's the way that honest men who went into the Populist party for a good purpose are talking in September.

In October, five thousand of them will talk the same way.

In November they will crowd around the polls to vote against the "sell-out."

Can't Support A Flop-Doodle.

In Little-Ivey, Madison county, resides an old-fashioned "mossy-back" Republican, bearing the name of H. A. Holcombe. He lives in a county which has never elected a Democrat and he is proud of it. He says he is still a Republican of the true blue order, but in an interview with the Asheville Citizen Mr. Holcombe says he will have no part nor lot with

the Richmond Pearson nomination, and is not willing to let Republicanism down at the behest of a few designing political bosses and support such a flop-doodle as Pearson.

It begins to look like Jeter Pritchard doesn't carry all the Madison county Republicans in his pocket.

The Situation Promising.

Washington Star.
During the past day or two the Democratic Congressional committee has been receiving reports as to the condition of the campaign from certain sections in the country concerning which there has been some anxiety. It seems that these reports are to be accepted the situation generally is very promising. Chairman Ellyson of the Va. Democratic State committee called at headquarters this morning. He reported that the situation in Virginia was favorable to the democrats in every district, as there was but one district, he said, where he believed there was the least danger of the Democrats suffering defeat, and he thought even there he would win. The thing the Democrats were afraid of Virginia, he said, was that the great mass of voters would be apathetic. It turns out, however, that a deep interest in the campaign is shown, and that more activity has been manifested at this stage of the canvass than for a number of years.

A letter received from Chairman Wall of the Democratic committee of Wisconsin, says that the situation there is very satisfactory, and that the Democrats will hold their own at the election.

Piblical Recorder: To those who deceive themselves, despite Solomon's words, that money begets happiness, late occurrences in the families of the Goulds, Astors and Vanderbilts ought to be enlightening. The fact that occurrence in these families are made the subject of of endless rumor and speculation is sufficient, though there were no evil to them. The Goulds are troubled with adventures, and one of them had to pay quite a sum to get rid of one not long ago; but their troubles do not compare with those of the wealthier Aster and Vanderbilt families, the peace of both of which has been threatened with a divorce suit and public scandal.

Clear conscience toward God and man is the only ground of happiness; and they are few who keep their consciences clear, but the number of the happy is not greater. There is desperate appearances of joy and hilarity about people who do not seem to have consciences; but they have, and they never know a happy moment. The man who sacrifices conscience for money or preferment, thinking the latter will secure the ease of mind which all men seek, will regret the transaction until it has been required.

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