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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

"President Cleveland will unless I am badly mistaken," said a usual well-informed official of prominence, "take steps within a few days, possibly this week, to let the party in New York and elsewhere know that the administration wishes the election of Senator Hill." This is in accordance with statements previously made in this correspondence when poorly informed persons, and Republicans, were trying to create the impression that there was a doubt as to the attitude of the administration towards Senator Hill's candidacy for the governorship of New York. President Cleveland in his long political career has never been a bolter, and Senator Hill is the regular nominee of the party and as such is entitled to the vote of every Democrat in New York, and it will be safe to wager that he will get that of Grover Cleveland.

The formal announcement that Senator McPherson, of New Jersey, would not be a candidate for re-election surprised few people in Washington. Simply because it was expected, and was the natural result of the state of his health.

The statement cabled from Europe that the United States would join the great European powers in interfering to prevent the complete subjugation of Japan by China was really amusing to those familiar with the settled policy of President Cleveland. The United States will not join the powers of Europe for the purpose of interfering with Japan, China, or any other foreign nation, simply because it does not believe under the present administration—entering into any entangling foreign alliances. It is none of our business if Japan licks China, or China licks Japan, and the European powers, which are selfishly interested, will get no assistance from this government in their schemes.

There has been quite a storm among the Republican leaders, because of the report that Mr. Babcock, chairman of the Republican Congressional campaign committee, was in sympathy with the A. P. A., the latest successor to know nothingism, and was using the machinery of his committee for the distribution of documents of that organization. Mr. Babcock denies it, but it is somewhat significant that he should leave Washington at this stage of the campaign, and that his place should be filled by vice-chairman Apsley, of Massachusetts, who has not familiarized himself with the details of the campaign up to this time. He says that he requested Mr. Apsley to come here and take his place for a few days but the impression seems to be that Mr. Babcock will have nothing more to do with the management of the campaign for the Republicans.

Rep. Wilson's health was

much benefitted by his flying trip to Europe. This week he will return to his district and enter actively upon the work of the campaign. He hasn't the slightest doubt of his re-election, although he is fully aware of the extraordinary efforts being made to defeat him by the lavish use of money contributed by those who wish him defeated because of the part he took in shaping the new tariff. Mr. Elkins has, it is reported, succeeded in getting the coal corporations of Mr. Wilson's district to enter upon a bulldozing campaign to prevent the miners voting for Mr. Wilson, the penalty if they do so is to be the loss of their jobs. But for every vote he loses by such methods it is believed that he will get two from the independent farmers of the district.

Senator Faulkner has been in New York for several days assisting Secretary Lamont, ex-Secretary Whitney and other prominent democrats in bringing about a state of harmony that is absolutely necessary to the success of the party at the coming election.

Hon. Edward E. Uhl, first assistant Secretary of State, who was nominated by the Michigan State Democratic Convention for U. S. Senator to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Stockbridge, which expires March 4, 1894, and which is now held under a temporary appointment by the Governor by Senator Patton, leaves this week for that State. Beginning the 20th inst., when he opens his campaign at Detroit, Mr. Uhl expects to speak every week day until the day before election. While he is not over-confident that a democratic legislature will be elected he thinks there is a good fighting chance to do so and he intends to do his share of the fighting.

Secretary Carlisle has officially endorsed the decision of the Board of General Appraisers at New York, and of the Collector of Customs at Baltimore that the entire woolen schedule of the new tariff law goes into effect Jan 1, 1895. It was contended by some importers that this schedule went into effect when the bill became a law. No indication has yet been given but it is probable that the decision will be contested in the courts, as the amount of money involved is quite large.

Do We Belong To Wall Street?

The People's party have said that we belong to Wall street; that that great and good man was the victim of Wall street. Wall street is the money wealth of this nation, the great street of American bankers; the money of the country is concentrated there. But what does the tariff bill do? It puts a tax of 2 per cent. upon every income in the United States over \$4,000. [Applause.] Senator Hill said that 35 per cent. of that tax will be paid by Wall street. Do you think if we belonged to Wall street that we would have taxed it \$20,000,000? Yet that is what we have done."

He Couldn't Go with Uhem.

HECKORY, N. C. Oct. 8.—During the late meeting of the populists and republicans in Catawba county, at which they effected a fusion of their principles (?) there occurred an instance of such brave and manly political courage and honesty that I think worthy of the highest commendation and shows that while such men as Ordo Wilson, A. C. Shuford, Marion Butler and others of this character are willing to swallow all the rottenness of the republican party of which they used to speak so much for the sake of getting an office, there are hundreds of honest populists who will not follow them in their utter repudiation and sacrifice of every principle advocated by them two years ago.

Jesse Killian, an intelligent and influential farmer, who lives on the waters of the beautiful South Fork of the Catawba, two years ago was an enthusiastic alliance man and populist and had great weight in the councils of his party. He helped to nominate men who advocated the principles of the alliance and the people's party, and worked for their election. This year, however, he was invited to a different feast a sacrificial feast, where every principle that he had advocated before was to be offered up to save a mongrel and fusion ticket from defeat.

The convention met. Republicans and populists were there talking about the similarity of their principles and advocating fusion. It was agreed to. Jesse Killian protested. It did no good. Old alliance men who had heard the late Col. Polk on the corruption of the republican party, looked each other in the face dazed at the thought. Jesse Killian arose, with indignation in his countenance and contempt for the unholy proceedings, and made this little but effective speech: "Gentlemen, I did not leave my neighbors and friends 2 years ago to join the republican party. Good bye," and left them forever. And hundreds of other good men will follow his manly example and make this same little speech on the 6th of next November.—*Col. News and Observer.*

Democratic Rally at Shelby.

LATIMORE, N. C., Oct. 7.—Cleveland county on yesterday had a grand rally at Shelby. Fifteen hundred of the "unterrified" mounted on horses, and two on oxen, formed a procession. A banner offered to the township bringing the most rides was awarded to township, No. 8, which, by the way, captured a fine silk banner two years since, as we are informed. The speakers were T. J. Jarvis, "Hort" Bower and the irrepressible "Mack" Robbins. They made it a day to be remembered.

The procession would have numbered more by 2,000 if they had had horses, or oxen available. When as good a county as Cleveland has more Democrats than horses and cattle, we feel like saying: "God reigns and the government lives."—*News-Observer.*

The President's Wishes.

Baltimore Sun. When asked about the attitude of the administration regarding Senator Hill's candidacy Senator Faulkner said: "The President is a Democrat, and as such is desirous of party success in New York. There is more involved in this campaign than the mere election of the State ticket. The very life of the party in the State depends upon Democratic success, as does also the defeat of the proposed constitution. If the Republicans win, they will so gerrymander the State that for twenty years to come it will remain Republican. This is understood by the Democrats of all factions, and they may be depended upon to use every effort to prevent the consummation of the Republican scheme. So far as men like Mr. William R. Grace and ex-Secretary Fairchild are concerned, I think they will have no hesitation in giving their support to Senator Hill. They may not agree with other Democrats upon a municipal ticket, but they are ready to vote with their party for the State ticket."

Senator Faulkner does not anticipate a declaration of any kind from President Cleveland regarding the situation in New York, at least for the present. Nor do the New York leaders, so far as he knows. He says, however, if such a declaration is needed, President Cleveland may be relied upon to do the proper thing at the proper time. Just now everything is progressing satisfactorily and the prospects of ultimate success are growing brighter every day.

Jarvis and the West.

Senator Jarvis arrived in Raleigh Sunday, after a two week's campaign in the West. He brings with him none of the wearying effects of those days of Democratic toil, but seems in good health, both physically and politically. He brings very cheering news from the Ninth district. "You can say," said the Senator last night, "that there is no question in the Ninth district except the question of majority. Pearson went into the campaign hampered, and he has never recovered. Crawford has got him beat now, and every day's campaign is only adding to the majority that is surely his."

"I made no speeches," continued the Senator, in Bower's district. Bower is making votes every day and will beat Linney by a good round majority. "You ought to have been at Shelby on Saturday," said the Senator, as glow of enthusiasm came over his face, "you would have seen a genuine old-fashioned Democratic rally—one thousand cavalymen, one thousand footmen and five hundred ladies, and these are not estimates but correct figures. The great meeting was an inspiration to Bower, Robbins and myself and we had a regular Democratic love feast."

"Yes, sir," continued the Senator, we are gaining ground every day and we'll whip 'em out for good this time.—

The Chestnut and Its Weevil.

It is a well known fact that the weevil damages to a great extent the chestnut as a market crop. This is made the subject of bulletin 105 of the North Carolina Experiment Station. The life history of this annoying insect is described, and how the parent beetle lays her eggs in the immature husk or burr of the nut when still on the tree. The eggs hatch and if the nuts remain upon the ground the worms in about ten days bore their way out and enter the ground to pass finally adult state during the coming spring. It is altogether impossible to prevent the beetle from laying her eggs on the native chestnut trees in the forests, but in cultivated orchards of Spanish or Japanese chestnuts the treatment would be the same as for the plum curculio. For treating the nests, the following plan successfully followed by an experienced correspondent is recommended: seal the nests by placing a bushel or so in a tub, pour enough boiling water over them to cover one or two inches. Stir with a stick, allow to remain about five minutes, and the weevily nuts come to the surface and can be skimmed off and destroyed or fed to hogs. Put the good nuts in bags half full, and dry in the sun, shake the manipulate freely to hasten drying. The kernels thus treated remain soft and do not get flinty.—*Ex.*

Congressman Wilson is Welcomed Home.

CHARLESTOWN, W. Va., Oct. 7.—William L. Wilson was welcomed to West Virginia with an enthusiasm unbounded in the memory of the oldest citizens of this quaint old town. A committee of 150 citizens, accompanied by the Charlestown cornet band, met the train conveying Mr. Wilson and the Washington party at Harper's Ferry. As Mr. Wilson emerged from the train the band played "Hail to the Chief," and Mr. Wilson, as he passed down the platform, was almost suffocated by the crowd that desired to shake his hand. Entering the train for Charlestown he was formally, in the car, welcomed by Mr. Brown, a member of the reception committee as the "able and fearless champion of tariff reform."

As the train moved out of Harper's Ferry the band struck up "Home Again," and the crowd, in three special cars, packed to their utmost, followed with a song, the refrain of which was:

"William L., William L.,
William L., we like to tell,
William L., we love you well."

As the train drew into Charlestown two additional bands hailed Mr. Wilson's arrival with "Dixie." He was escorted to the court house, where he made a speech to the eager crowd.

Charlotte Observer: Col. HAM JONES says that Kitchin's speech at Dallas was like Rufus Choate's description of the boundary lines of Rhode Island. It began at a streak of lightning, ran thence to a flock of wild geese, and thence to forty boxes with fire brands to their tails.