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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

President Cleveland will probably make the holding of the Sound Money Convention at Memphis, Tenn., on May 23, the occasion for following up his Chicago letter with another along the same lines, only giving a more exact definition of what he considers sound money. He thinks that the time has come when the currency question must be discussed in order that the people may vote intelligently upon it next year. He also thinks that there is an enormous amount of misinformation among the people on the subject, and that the main duty of the hour is to aid the people in arriving at a correct definition of what constitutes sound money. That Memphis convention, although non-partisan in its character, will necessarily be dominated by democrats, and Secretary Carlisle is expected to make the principal address before it. These things have caused that convention to be regarded with extraordinary interest by those who are interested in the future welfare of the democratic party.

It is certain that every democrat is in favor of sound money, but it must be acknowledged that there is a wide difference among democrats—the leaders of the party, as well as the rank and file—as to what is sound money. That these differences ought in some way to be wiped out, or at least adjusted before the party enters another National Campaign, will be admitted by every democrat without argument. Now, how do individuals who have no desire to fight each other usually adjust their serious differences of opinion? By argument, showing each their errors and convincing one or the other. Well, that is just what the administration wants to do. It will present its arguments as to what sound money is, and will ask that its opponents in the party do the same, leaving it to the party to decide which side has the correct idea.

Ohio democrats who come to Washington all speak hopefully of party prospects. One of them—Mr. Oliver G. Williams—said: "I may be somewhat over sanguine, but I feel that the democrats are going to elect a majority of the next Ohio legislature. The people are very sick of the last two legislatures, and the recent grand jury investigations at Columbus disclosed such shady transactions on the part of prominent republican legislators that a great deal of popular census has been aroused. The bold conduct on the part of George Cox, the republican boss of Cincinnati in working for the passage of the pool bill, has opened the eyes of the people to the shameless work that has been going on at the State capital, and I shall be surprised if they do not render a verdict in November that will sur-

prise the bosses and ringsters. I would not be surprised if thousands of republican voters acted with the democrats this fall for the express purpose of rebuking the misconduct of the legislature, to call it by no stronger name. The fight will be hot from start to finish, as it involves a U. S. Senator, and if the democrats do not win they will make the republicans work mighty hard to do so."

According to the estimate of Commissioner of Internal Revenue Miller, the government will receive on the voluntary returns made something over \$14,000,000 for income tax. No estimate can be made of how much this will be increased by assessing the tax upon those known to be liable who failed to make returns in accordance with law, but it will probably exceed \$4,000,000. The amount of Commissioner Miller's estimate bears out the estimate made when the decision of the Supreme Court was first handed down, that the exemption of such portions of income as were from State or municipal bonds and rents would reduce the total expected from the tax by more than one half.

State Senator Eugene Ives, one of the best known democratic members of the New York legislature, passed through Washington on his way to Fortress Monroe. He said: "The people are being given an object lesson at Albany that will not be forgotten in the State or overlooked by the country. Already four months have elapsed and not a single measure urged by the citizens of New York, in the interest of reform, has been passed. Not for forty years have so many charges of corruption at Albany been brought forward, and I feel that the people are fast realizing that democratic legislatures can be better trusted than those controlled by the present republican losses. The kind of reform the State has been getting from Platt is not what was demanded. I look forward to a democratic victory in the State of N. Y. next fall."

Secretary Morton, in a published interview, declares his belief that "we must sooner or later declare that the United States recognizes gold as the best and least fluctuating measure of value and medium of exchange which the commerce of civilization has thus far utilized."

The negroes in N. C., in some sections have organized a secret order having for its object the remove of objections against them on account of color and opening up the way for them to enter the parlors and churches on equal footing with white people and marry white women. This movement will soon bring them into trouble and they had better let such matters alone.

John J. Ingalls, of Kansas, has come out for free coinage. These big fellows must think there is something in the silver issue and want to put themselves in position, you know.

A Few Scattering Thoughts By "Scatterhead."

Life is intensely real, and if a fellow don't believe that it is, just let him get married and he will find out in a few years. Many of us are acting like Jonah, because we can't do something just big enough for all the world to see and extol us. Yes, lots of people are content to quietly wait for an opportunity to do something very great, overlooking the little things that confront them and not realizing that life with all its varied cares and duties, is made up of the "despised little things." We all need to have for our motive, God's glory and the uplifting of humanity, and it is necessary for us to know that we can serve God and bless our fellow-beings by doing whatsoever our hands find to do, big or little things. Mighty few of us have the ability to do the big things. The person who is working for the praise of "mortals, may get his dues, but he will soon find that his coveted prize is powerful light, vapory stuff, nothing in it to enhance the higher motives of the soul. When God is served self in a measure must be forgotten. We need to be clothed with the spirit of humility, so that we might not be above performing any duty, however lowly. It has been truthfully stated that God might command two angels to come to earth, one to rule an empire, and the other to sweep the streets of a city, and that the one performing the menial service would be just as happy as the other occupying the exalted position, because their happiness consists in doing the will of their Creator, whether in great or lowly things. Happiness to man or angel is not found in the path of disobedience. Well Christians should glorify God in their daily avocations, whether following the plow, standing behind the counter, sitting in the school room, pleading at the bar, administering medicine to the sick. Yes, everywhere, at all times and under all circumstances, what we do should be done to the glory of God. Many mighty good Sunday school workers, and valuable help to the church in various ways, have in many instances destroyed in a large measure, their life of useful Christian work, by letting their zeal go beyond their knowledge, causing them to enter the ministry, a work God never called them to do, not being possessed with the gift necessary to perform the work required in the highest calling known among men. A man must not conclude that he is called of God to preach the gospel, just because he has enough of the "gift of gab" to deliver an acceptable Sunday school lecture, or can make a right mellow prayer meeting talk and can pray a nice and may be long winded prayer; neither should other people think so every time. Yes, lots of pretty good fellows are in the ministry that God never called, just aimed too

high and missed their whole world of duty. The older I get, I find the less I know, but do believe that it would not be far wrong for us to make an effort to keep out of the ministry all the fellows we can by persuasion, or, by the use of a little "filthy lucre." Well, if we could only by sound argument or "the free use of 'boodle'" get a large number of the preachers to quit the business, we would have better times spiritually. Yes, every man ought to stay out of the ministry if he can be satisfied. Too many self and devil called preachers, but more will be too many of the God called men. Let us remember that God requires of us faithful, diligent service in our respective spheres of labor. Let us also remember that it is mighty easy for a person to flounce out of his proper element and make himself miserable as well as other people.

Globe, N. C. April 29, '95.

The True Position On Silver.

News and Observer.

Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky, has stated his own position on the silver question with such clearness that it is worthy to be adopted as the Democratic party's declaration upon that question. It is short, comprehensive, safe and straightforward, and the Democracy could win on this platform, if success in 1896 be possible. We quote:

"I am in favor of opening the mints of this country to the unlimited coinage of the silver metal on an exact equality with gold. I am opposed to gold monometalism and just as much opposed to monometalism. Without reservation or evasion. I am a bimetalist. I want and mean to continue to insist upon the use of both gold and silver on even terms as the redemption money of this country. I would be glad to see this result brought about by the action of an international conference, but I am opposed to this government waiting for any such conference to act. Our experience with sugar agencies has not been such as to give us either confidence or hope for the attainment of this purpose.

"I am in favor of the restoration of the silver metal at the ratio of 16 to 1, believing in the light of an experience that covers a century such ratio will establish and maintain permanently the parity between the two metals. I believe that we should take this action at the earliest day possible, independent of the politics or views of other nations."

The "News and Observer" adopts Senator Blackburn's ringing announcement of his position as the strongest way of stating its own position. The attempt to commit this country irretrievably to the gold standard cannot be too strongly combated.

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The Roan Mountain Bear Hunt.

(Continued from last week.)

Harry Huffman was now left alone to contend with this huge beast, which was now aroused with all the ferocity of his nature. With Huffman it was now a fight for life. He never faltered but sprang upon the mighty bear using his knife with terrible effect and precision, the bear with his glaring eyes, his huge jaws set with ravenous teeth and red tongue, his hot breath coming in hot puffs in the face of Huffman were enough to deter most any one else, but Huffman's butcher had penetrated vital parts of bruin and he yielded up his life about the time Shields had returned from his fall and slide down the cliff. Most of the dogs were killed or disabled and the men made the fight alone. During the fight with the other bear. It was what hunters call a running fight, down over the cliffs, sometime the bear had one of his ponderous jaws, while the others were plying their knives into the body of bruin. Huffman seeing their friends in imminent danger, sprang down the cliffs and covered the bear while he was crushing the heel of Jim Lenzer between his massive jaws, Huffman with seemingly, super human strength penetrated the heart of the bear with his knife. Thus ended one of the most exciting bear fights of ancient or modern times. A withe was fastened to each dead bears nose and they were slid on the snow down the mountain to old man Rust's fire, and butchered and carried home for supplies. The casualties were four dogs killed several badly chewed up and the others slightly. Fenzer had his heel badly mashed. Shade Winters had a broken arm and another man, name forgotten, had his thigh bitten all had their clothes torn badly. Fenzer had both of his innocent torn off and lost in the deep snow. Old man Rust never got over the loss of his two favorite dogs. After the wounds had all healed they killed many more bear and finally exterminating them. Huffman, afterwards, moved down into East Tennessee and being brave and venturesome volunteered in Hickory Jackson's war and distinguished himself at the battle of the Horse Shoe. He was one of the men who captured the great Indian chief, Wetherford. He was also at the battle of New Orleans in 1815. Few men of our day know anything about rough times or the endurance of the men of our pioneer times in these mountains. None but brave and fearless men would venture into such a wilderness, but they were especially fitted for such times and places. The women were correspondingly brave and done many things to prove it. But what a great change civilization has wrought in these wilds.

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