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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent

If President Cleveland and Secretary Gresham needed vindication for the position they took in the dispute between Great Britain and Nicaragua, the outcome of that affair would furnish a full supply, showing as it does that the administration was thoroughly alive to American interests. To say that the Monroe doctrine was at any time involved in the affair is simply to display ignorance of the Monroe doctrine. But the treaty between the United States and Great Britain known as the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, was the foundation upon which the administration stood when it consented to the temporary occupation of Corinto by the British. The treaty says: "Neither the U. S. nor Great Britain will ever accept or maintain any fortification commanding the ship canal, or in the vicinity thereof, or occupy or fortify or colonize or assume or exercise any dominion over Nicaragua, Costa Rica, the Mosquito coast or any part of Central America." In the face of that explicit language how silly appears all the wild talk about the intention of Great Britain to gobble up as much of Nicaragua as would give her control of the canal. It just shows, however, how lazily ignorant many of those who write about public affairs are. But viciousness has been responsible for more of the misrepresentations in this case than ignorance has.

Civil Service Commissioner Lyman, whose rumored forced resignation has been a sort of bi-monthly or bi-quarterly publication, appearing with sufficient regularity to entitle it to second class postal rates, ever since that Congressional committee investigated the charges made against him, several years ago, by the Washington Post, of favoritism toward a relative in office, is really going this time. His resignation, which it is needless to say was not voluntarily tendered is now in the hands of the President, and it is expected that his successor will be appointed at the same time that the vacancy caused by the resignation of Theodore Roosevelt is filled. Both Lyman and Roosevelt are Republicans, but it is the President's intention to appoint a Democrat in place of one of them, which will make the commission consist of two Democrats and one Republican, instead of two Republicans and one Democrat, as it has been during this entire administration.

Senator Gorman doesn't often allow his opinion to be quoted in a newspaper, but he has this to say of the personal attack lately made upon him by the Hon. Isadore Rayner, an aspirant for the Maryland Democratic gubernatorial nomination: "I regret to be compelled to say that I regard Mr. Rayner's speech as that of an over-an-

xious candidate who has forgotten his protestations of friendship and what he has always claimed to be his undying gratitude for my friendship for him during the past twenty years. Why he has made the personal assault upon me, I am at a loss to comprehend, unless it be that his earnest pleading with me to support him for the nomination failed to receive a favorable response. He ought however, to have been satisfied with my assurance to him, that I believed the best interest of the party required that the nomination should seek the man, and not the man the nomination."

Secretary Gresham is not sick enough to justify these sensational reports sent out from Washington, although he is confined to his room and is likely to be there for four days more. It is the same old trouble—stomach and liver—that laid him up a few weeks ago, and the cause is also the same—overwork and failure to take proper care of himself. He is in no danger and only requires rest to bring him around again.

Attorney General Olney has decided that the construction put upon the law governing the purchase of seeds by the Agricultural department by Secretary Morton was correct; consequently, instead of spending the \$100,000 appropriated, Secretary Morton will only buy such seeds as are "rare and uncommon", unless Congress makes a new law compelling the expenditure of all the money.

Ex-Senator Blair, of New Hampshire, evidently isn't a Reed man. He says: "New England is apparently for Reed, but the feeling is not of the kind that would make men die in the last ditch fighting for Reed. Some of his brethren may be for him, thinking that a New England man, not Reed, however, might get second place on the ticket. And yet it might happen that Reed himself would finally be satisfied with second honors. Then it must be remembered that in his own State Hal. and Frye and the other old-time Blaine men are not brimming over with joy at Tom Reed's present political prominence. They are for him, but largely because they have to be, and the draught is just about as pleasant as a dose of medicine is to a small boy."

The arguments before the Supreme Court for a rehearing in the income tax cases were opened today.

It Did the Business.

Rev. J. H. Cobb, publisher of the 'Mirror,' at Brocton, N. Y., says: "For nearly two years the 'Mirror' has been publishing the advertisements of Chamberlain's Remedies. A few days ago the writer was suffering from a bowel trouble and resorted to an old remedy which did not prove efficacious; finally he tried Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and two doses did the business, checking it completely. For sale by W. L. Bryan.

Senator Pritchard and His Boston Speech.

Statesville Landmark.

One of the chief obstacles in the way of a self-respecting Southern white man who might become converted to the principles of the Republican party and want to join it, would be found in the fact that he must listen in silence, and seem to give his assent, to endless abuse of Southern people and Southern institutions. Not only so, but if he looks a little beyond he will see himself so metamorphosed that he will find himself among the traducers of his own people. We have in mind the speech delivered by Senator Pritchard, of North Carolina, before the Middlesex Club, of Boston, a week ago last Saturday night. A Southern man, the only one there perhaps, he stood up in the presence of a company of Boston Republicans and instead of telling it of the honor, patriotism, courage and other high qualifications of his people, did what? Why he denounced them as election thieves, ballot-box robbers, perverters of the will of the people. The report of his speech which we have seen—and it appears to be its text—makes a bare allusion to the currency question, discusses the tariff from a protectionist point, to the extent of a quarter of a column, and all the remainder is given to the traduction of his fellow citizens.

There is a class of Southern people who are not to be criticised because they are Republicans, and these are the men whose fathers have been Republicans before them. It is an axiom that a boy should take his politics from his father and a girl her religion from her mother. No man is blame-worthy, therefore, for the politics which he inherits. We respect Sen. Pritchard no less because he is Republican than we would if he were a Democrat. His father was a Union man, and the present Senator, as a child, saw that father driven off by a file of Confederate soldiers, his feet tied together under a mule, and soon thereafter heard of his death. The theory is that the Democratic party was responsible for the war, with all its attendant consequences, and young Pritchard grew up with this idea firmly rooted in his mind. His Republicanism is, therefore, as natural with him as the air he breathes, but it is submitted that he, a Senator of the United States, presents a pitiful figure where he allows it to so dominate him that he can find it in his conscience to go before an unfriendly audience in a far Northern city and feed it on old women's tales which put his own people in the worst possible light—the people among whom he was born and reared and who, he well knows, constitute the better element of the Southern population.

But this, as was said at the outset, is the inevitable result of a Southern white man's connection with the Republican party. He must

hear his party associates in the North decry his people until he becomes accustomed to it, and next he joins in the cry himself. The irresistible conclusion is that no loyal Southern man has any business in the Republican party. He may think it right in many of its ideas of government but until it abandons its sectional hatred, takes its hand from the throats of those of his own flesh and blood, he should have no part or lot with it. He was a patriot who exclaimed: "My country! Right or wrong, my country!"

The Greatest Good.

Charlotte News.

Patriotism should be a stronger sentiment than partisanship. It should be the mainspring of action and in individuals as well as parties. The common good should be placed above party success. The welfare of the masses should be the aim of political parties, and that party which has the interests of the people most at heart should receive popular support, whether it be Democratic, Populist or Republican.

If the Republican party were the friend of the masses it ought to commend their support. If the interests of the country would be advanced by the success of the Populist party patriotism would demand that we support that party. If greatest good to the greatest number can be secured through the Democratic party then we ought all to be Democrats.

We do not believe in unreasoning, blind, partisanship. Every man ought to vote and affiliate with a party because he believes in its principles and endorses its professions. He ought to study the situation and be able to act intelligently in these matters. Nor ought we to allow ourselves to be guided in our action upon public questions by selfish motives. Self interest is very hard to keep out, but a broad, philanthropic and patriotic consideration of a public policy will help to overcome this selfish action. Unfortunately this broader view is not taken. For instance, the protected manufacturer is nearly always in favor of protection regardless of the hardships it may entail upon multitudes of his fellow-citizens. The man who has large accumulations of wealth agree with Mr. Cleveland in views on the financial question because it is, he believes, to his interest to do so.

It is the financial question upon which we desire to lay special stress, as it is foremost in the public mind. Its solution is the problem of the hour. If gold monometallism would be best for the great masses we ought to take that stand regardless of personal interest. If bimetalism, the free coinage of silver and gold, would bring prosperity we ought to lay aside personal preferences and work for that. The public good should be our aim and our efforts should be directed along that line.

The War Dance Begun.

News from Washington is to the effect that the administration tom-toms are already sounding and big chiefs Carlisle and Hoke Smith are the braves sent out to begin the work of disintegration. Carlisle is to perform the war dance in 'Old Kaintuck,' while the great Hoke will sing the song of death in Georgia. Smith is already at it. The Raleigh News and Observer is partial to Hoke, and names him as the best Southern man for the Presidency and "the brainiest" living man, perhaps, in all Southland. We have for some time suspected that 'Degeneracy' had set in eye in the South, and it is violent if the Observer is correct. There are 50,000 real Democrats in North Carolina to-day, we must believe, who would not vote for Hoke if he were nominated. They would vote for no man who was not soundly Democratic and for the money of the constitution and the Democratic law of 1892. Major Bacon, ex-Senator Norwood, ex-Speaker Crisp, ex-Senator Walsh, and other able Georgia Democrats will be able to attend to Hon. Hoke when he begins the war dance of gold buggery on the stump.—Messenger.

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