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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Senator Morgan, of Ala., has accepted an invitation to head the party of distinguished democratic speakers who are to be sent upon a missionary tour of the West and Northwest by the National Association of Democratic clubs, similar to that sent out by the same association four years ago, which was so successful in arousing the interest of democrats in club work, which proved a considerable factor in the democratic victory of '92. The party will leave Washington about Aug. 24th, going via Buffalo, through New York, thro' the Great Lakes to Duluth, Minnesota, where the first meeting is to be held. The route from there will be thro' the Dakotas into Montana, thro' the Yellowstone Park, Idaho and Washington, the schedule being so arranged that the party can take part in the annual meeting of the Democratic Society in Washington. They will then go through Oregon, and Utah and continue as far west as San Francisco. The homeward bound trip will take in New Mexico, Nevada, Colorado, Nebraska, and Missouri. The party expects to be on the road about six weeks.

These missionary tours under the auspices of the association of democratic clubs are not in the interest of any individual, but solely of the party. In fact, the association of democratic clubs would find it impossible to boom any individual, as by its constitution it only meets once in every four years and then always after the party has made its presidential nomination. It booms the party and not the man.

Secretary Carlisle goes upon his vacation this week, and as he will spend it as a neighbor of President Cleveland it is probable that both of them will combine a little business with their recreation. Assistant Sec. Hamlin will act as Secretary of the Treasury during Secretary Carlisle's absence.

Those democrats who have long had a desire to vote for Hon. Wm. R. Morrison, of Illinois, for President were delighted with the news brought from Illinois by ex-Congressman Forman. Mr. Forman thinks the state will be certain to send a solid Morrison delegation to the National Convention, and speaking of his chances he said: "Colonel Morrison has great natural strength as a candidate. He has force and honesty and courage, and is of a pure, shag-back, hickory democracy which was plentiful in the days of Andrew Jackson. It isn't so common now, but, when discovered, is just as popular as ever. Morrison is a poor man too; his public career hasn't made him rich. He has armies of friends, too in Missouri, Arkansas, Texas Alabama—in fact all thro' the South and W[illegible] ni[illegible]ts [illegible]i[illegible]n [redacted] man with a war record. Colonel Morrison just fills the bill. He was born in Illinois; his war record is good, and he stands for a low tariff."

The Washington jury that convicted Captain Howgate of robbing the Government would have been entitled to much more credit had the verdict not been accompanied by a recommendation to the mercy of the court. The guilt of the man has never been seriously questioned by anybody excepting the twelve jurymen who at a previous trial acquitted him. Why then should the jury ask mercy for him? It is equivalent to saying: the evidence was so plain that we had to convict him, but, as it was only government money he stole, please don't be too hard on him. Application for a new trial has been made and when it is refused, as it is almost certain to be, an appeal will be taken, The Court of Appeals will not sit again until fall. Meanwhile Howgate will have to go to jail.

Silver bullion is now quoted at $.67½ an ounce, which is four cents higher than it was one year ago, and Treasury officials believe that it will go higher on account of the Chinese demand for silver to pay Japan the war indemnity, which at the present price of silver will require in the neighborhood of $148 000,000 of bullion. The demand for silver to meet the general expenses of China and Japan in the later war is estimated to have already reduced the available stock of private silver bullion in the United States to considerably less than 1,000,000 ounces. The Government has, of course, a much greater amount than that, but the bullion owned by the Government isn't in the market and is not likely to be, certainly not for some time to come, as Congressional legislation would have to be secured to sell it, if such was the desire of the Government.

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Statesville Landmark. The news comes from Alabama and from an apparently authentic source, that the free silver Democrats and the Populists of that State have united and that this union has been met by a combination between the sound money Democrats and the Republicans. One of these alliances is as legitimate as the other, and both wings of the Democratic party will live to regret that either was ever made. But the case shows the tendency toward the reformation of party lines. If the silver agitation keeps up another year and the financial question is made the leading issue of the next campaign, we are apt to see some strange sights and hear some strange sounds.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

THE WALDENSES.

Morganton Herald.

Their village "Valdese" a flag station on the W. N. C. R. R. is located seven miles east of Morganton, the county seat. The area of this village is about 20 acres. Here is situated their church, school, postoffice, store and also a hosiery mill owned by Mr. J. Meir, latter giving work to about 25 boys and girls. Some distance from Valdese they have a saw mill which gives work to a dozen men. Upon their farms they raise, principally, corn, wheat and potatoes. Quite recently they have planted large vineyards in the cultivation of which they are skilled. Owing to their ignorance in the use of our farming implements, to their devoting most of the time to building and cleaning up new farms and the drought etc., the farming last year was not so successful. But their diligence has been unquestionable, working as they do from down until dark with two hours intermission for meals: one at ten and the other at two. The peculiarities of dress, the antique fashioned bonnets of women: the fancy colored kerchiefs of the young girls and the heavy thick-soled shoes of the men invariably attract the attention of the stranger. He finds a people of low stature, thick set and stout. Their complexion is dark, they have bright, intelligent eyes and faces. Of a hopeful temperament they are the most sociable people imaginable They do not fail to welcome the stranger to their houses with the utmost cordiality and are highly insulted if he refuses to drink the universal sally offered cup of tea. Perhaps the most attracive trait of these people is universal, genteel politeness. It is such a wholesoul politeness that the Waldensian doffs his hat to every visitor and gives him a "good morning" that comes from the glowing heart of a natural gentleman Every child is careful to answer all questions as politely as if death were the penalty. In fact, as politeness seems to be peculiar to them, it would be unnatural to them to be impolite.

The creed, of the Waldensians is practically that of the Presbyterians of this country. They are a God feoring, pious people and are very rigid in the observance of family worship. The doctrine of the word is inculcated in the minds of the children at a very early age. They are given a French testament to read as they mind the cows in the pasture. It is an interesting scene to see them as they assemble at the house of worship on the Sabbath, every man, woman and child of them coming in their own simpleminded, honest way to worship the God who has not failed them and their fathers in the hour of their deepest sorrow. The writer was forcibly impressed with their piety when the first colony arrived; as soon as they had alighted from aboard the train they knelt and thanked their God for their safe voyage; a thing that most men seem to forget in the rush of this rapid age. Morally, they have proven themselves an honest and law abiding people which recommends them to us as a valuable addition to the citizenship of our commonwealth.

The education of the mass of the colony is undoubtedly far superior to that of the same caste of American citizens. With the exception of the very small children, who speak only the three languages, they all read and write Italian, French and their own dialect. As is usually the case, the children learn to speak English much faster than the adults. The State has given them a school district with the usual appropriation, Mr. and Mrs. Soulier being the teachers. The children, I am told by their teachers, are very precocious and diligent students. It is rather a remarkable fact that they are able to read French and Italian by the time they are ten or twelve years old.

FREE COINAGE.

Mr. W. W. Scott writes the following paragraph to the *Topic* from Washington on the currency question:

"Not to go into a financial discussion—may the fates watch over us and protect us from it!—it is interesting sometimes to note what financial views both gold-bugs and silve-butterflies entertain in regard to this obstruse question that is settled off hand so freqently by persons of that class whose habit it is to rush stamping and hurlyburlying in which angels fear to tread even on tip-toe and bare-footed. I hear people say that 16 to 1 means that there is to be exactly 16 dollars in circulation to where there is one now; others that "free silver" means the government is to coin the bullion and distribute the fruitage of the mint freely to all who want it even to the extent of sending special agents over the country to divide it out—and this is another version—at the rate of $16 to each person, just as the Freedman Bureau agents distributed 40 acres and a mule to each contraband and ward of the nation, in the good old times just after the war, in the flush times of reconstruction."

Last June Dick Crawford brought his twelve-months old child, suffering from infantile diarrhoea, to me. It had been weaned at 4 months old and had always been sickly. I gave it the the usual treatment in such cases but without benefit. The child kept growing thinner until it weighed but little more than when born, or perhaps ten pounds. I then started the father to giving Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Before one bottle of the 25 cent size had been used a marked improvement was seen and its continued use cured the child. Its weakness and puny constitution disappeared and its father and myself believe the child's life was saved by this remedy. J. T. Marlow, M. D., Tamaroe, Ill. For sale by W. L. Bryan.

Needed No Lawyer.

Atlanta Constitution.

Judge Jim Griggs was reminded of a story by the passing of an electric car, and began:

"One of thr funniest things that ever happened during my connection with the Georgia judiciary was when I was first elected solicitor,

"The demands of my position frequently put me in the attitude of prosecuting friend. It was hard, but I did it.

"An ex-sheriff of a county in my circuit—a fellow that I had known and liked for a long while—was prosecuted for making away with some money. It was an ugly charge. The evidence was conclusive against him.

"When I went down to court he came staggering into my room about two thirds drunk. "Jim," he said, "these infernal scoundrls are trying to prosecute me — perfect outrage. I told 'em jusu wait till I saw Jim Griggs and we'd fix it. I told 'em we'd let 'em know who to prosecute. And we will, won't we Jim?

"I looked at him very gravely and said: "Tom, Iv'e got a dead case against you. I am going to prosecute you, convict you and send you to the penitentiary. You are guilty. You got the money, and I've got the evidence to prove it."

"He looked at me in perfect amazement. He was dumfounded. He said I did not mean it. I told him I did. He straightened himself up and marched out without a word.

"His case was the first one called after dinner. The judge asked him if he had any counsel. He said no, and didn't want any. He spoke in a half drunken fashion. 'But,' said the judge, "you are charged with a serious offense and if you have no money to employ a lawyer, I will appoint one for you."

"The defendant didn't like it. He arose with difficulty. He steadied himself against a table and speaking in a maudlin fashion, said:

"Your honor, I said I don't want no counsel and I don't want none. I mean what I said. I don't want—hic—to take no 'vantage of ze state. State ain't got no counsel—what der I want with any?"

W. H. Nelson, who is in the drug business at Kingville, Mo., has so much confidence in Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy that he warrants every bottle and offers to refund the money to any customer who is not satisfied after using it. Mr. Nelson takes no risk in doing this because the remedy is a certain cure for the diseases for which it is intended and he knows it. It is for sale by W. L. Bryan.

Judge, Rep., had the other day an amusing cartoon. McKinley, Harrison and Reed were on a high fence straddling the financial issue. A silver leader was on one side beckoning them to come that way, while a gold-bug was opposite offering invitation and inducement to jump that way. The three sat unmoved, and when last heard from were waiting. John Sherman has set a straddling example.—Messenger.

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