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WASHINGTON LETTER

From our Regular Correspondent

Secretary Carlisle is still in doubt as to whether he will speak again in Kentucky during the state campaign, with the chances against his doing so, but he has accepted an invitation to deliver a financial speech before the Boston Reform Club, at its annual banquet to be given on Saturday next.

It is reported that Secretary Carlisle has about made up his mind to recommend in his annual report to Congress that \$1 a barrel be added to the tax on beer, which, it is estimated, would add thirty-two million dollars a year to the receipts of the government. Whether the republicans would accept this recommendation if it were made will depend upon whether the high-tariff-or-bust Republicans control the House. If that faction gets on top the country will be in for another tariff agitation. Mr. Reed, who will rule the House with a rod of iron, bending only when he thinks he can improve his chances for getting the presidential nomination, is credited with not wishing to touch the tariff during the coming session of Congress.

Secretary Olney declines to discuss recent sensational publications concerning the action taken by this government towards compelling England to respect the Monroe doctrine in its dispute with Venezuela about the ownership of certain lands, but I can state on high authority that the action of the administration has been, as yet, with the exception of renewing the suggestion made by Secretary Gresham that the claim be submitted to arbitration, confined to gathering facts to fortify it in the position it will take later on, if it becomes necessary to uphold the Monroe doctrine.

Whenever a man who is or has been prominent becomes ill or dies the country is at once flooded with misstatements concerning his life. The case of ex-Senator Mahone, of Virginia, is the latest striking instance. From the time he was stricken down with paralysis the misstatement mill has been steadily grinding. One prominent newspaper writer stated over his own signature that Gen. Mahone and his family were blue-blooded, F. F. V. aristocrats and that as long as he remained in the democratic party he was rich and prosperous in business, idolized for his war record, and his family the pets of the highest society, but that after he became a republican he and his family were socially ostracised, and his business discriminated against until he was gradually driven to bankruptcy. About the only true thing in the whole article is what is said of his war record. The people of Southampton county, Virginia, where Gen. Mahone was born, and where he has relatives now living, would smile at his being called an aristocrat, and old citizens of Petersburg where he has

lived since the war would do likewise upon being told that the Mahones were ever social pets. Mahone was plebian born. He was a civil engineer and helped to build the Norfolk and Petersburg railroad, which is a part of the A. M. & O. system, of which he became president after the war at a salary of \$25,000 a year. He came out of the war poor, as he entered it, but his war record made him a railroad president, and the boss of the democratic party of Virginia, which position he maintained until forbearance ceased to be a virtue. About the time his control of the democratic party was broken he also lost his railroad job. Then came his organization of the reajuster party, his flop to the republicans and his term in the Senate. He was credited with being a rich man and was a lavish liver and a daring speculator, but since he left the Senate he has been known simply as a lobbyist. His bankruptcy was the result of bad investments some of which were shared by democrats, instead of their driving him to bankruptcy. In Petersburg the social status of the Mahones is as good as it ever was. Gen. Mahone was a great soldier and a brave man, but when that much is said it is the best to stop.

Mr. Ransdell, who was Mr. Harrison's Marshal for the District of Columbia, and who is his close personal and political friend, says Mr. Harrison would accept another nomination if it were tendered him. Mr. Ransdell says paradoxically of one of the most popular democrats in Indiana: "The Democratic friends of Gov. Matthews are not backward in putting him to the front as a presidential candidate. There is no doubt that state pride would help him wonderfully in Indiana were he to get the nomination, but there is not much likelihood of that. Everybody concedes that he is an estimable gentleman about whom all good can be spoken. He has already enough national reputation, however, to lead his party in '96." If the friends of Gov. Matthews can get all the Indiana republicans to talk that way about him when they are outside their state he will soon be enjoying the biggest kind of a boom. The lack of national reputation counts for little. How much national reputation did Grover Cleveland have in 1884, when he beat the widest known man of that day—J. G. Blaine?

Too many people are engaged in stirring up and dissatisfied the masses. When the country is actually in a better condition than it has been since the civil war and perhaps in all its history, it is no time to be playing upon the mere prejudices of the people to render them discontented. These calamity howlers not only destroy civil but religious institutions as well.—Christian Advocate.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Four Opinions.

News and Observer.

There seems to be some division of sentiment among the republican bosses on the silver question. A few days ago we copied an interview with Congressman Settle in which he put himself on record strongly against free coinage.

A few days after Settle's interview, his chief rival as the boss of the republican party, Senator Pritchard, said: "I am for the free and unlimited coinage of silver. The great majority of the North Carolina republicans are for it. In fact, all are friendly to silver."

This seemed to make the issue plain between them. The Winston Republican comes to Settle's help and says:

"About nine-tenths of the republicans are opposed to free and unlimited coinage and do not propose to be dumped, bag and baggage into the laps of our populist friends."

And now comes A. E. Holton, chairman of the State Republican Executive committee, in a letter to Richmond Pearson, taking the grounds for fusion on State offices, but against it in the National fight. We quote:

Under these resolutions (chose Butler had passed in the Silver Convention) neither Reid, McKinley nor Allison could hope to get their supports for even five electors, and it would be folly for us to talk about voting for populist electors, and it would be folly for us to talk about voting for populist elector when they declare they will not support our part of the ticket, for no one expects the national republican platform to declare for the free and unlimited coinage of silver independent of international agreement, or to nominate a free silver candidate for the presidency. ****

We cannot afford to condemn the policy of the national republican party solely to effect fusion, nor can a republican advocate the populist doctrine and hope to retain the confidence of his party. He will either have to abandon his position or fall in line with the populists. The sooner our people realize this the better for themselves and the party.

There is cold comfort for Pritchard in all this.

Lord Shaftesbury: True courage is cool and calm; the bravest of men have the least of a brutal, bullying insolence and in the very time of danger are found the most serene, pleasant and free. Rage, we know, can make a coward forget himself and fight. But what is done in fury and anger can never be placed to the account of courage.

"Many of the citizens of Rainville, Indiana, are never without a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house," says Jacob Brown the leading merchant of the place. This Remedy has proven of so much value for colds and croup in children that a few mothers who know its worth are willing to be without it. For sale by all druggists.

New in the Business.

Just where the trail turned around a grove of cottonwoods I came face to face with a man who was also on horse back. From the first glance at him I was satisfied that he was not a peaceful traveler, and was somewhat prepared to hear him call out:

"Halt, or I'll blow your head off!"

I halted, of course, and as he came nearer I noticed that he had a navy revolver in his hand and was considerably agitated. I asked what I could do for him, and he replied:

"You can get right down and shell out them \$50 you got at the bank at Carson yesterday. Don't go far to deny that you got them, fur I was right there to see. Hand it over at once!"

"I haven't it." "Don't ye lie to me." If ye don't hand over I'll shoot ye off yer horse and go through ye." Shell out, and there won't be no shootin'."

I had drawn the sum of fifty dollars the day before, as he said, and did not doubt that he was in the bank at the time. I had, however, paid out that sum and ten dollars additional for the horse under me and was headed for Stockton with less than two dollars in my purse. I explained the matter to him in a few words, but he insisted that I get down and hold up my hands while he went through me. He was so nervous and agitated that I took him for an amateur at the business, and said:

"Be careful of that gun. From the way you act I don't believe you ever held up a man before."

"That's a dead fact, stranger," he replied, as he finally got his finger on the change in my vest pocket, and backed off.

"You'll never make a success of it until you work up more nerve. You have the look of a hard case but you are trembling like a boy about to be whipped. If I had a pistol you would stand no show at all. Be careful I say!"

He held the cocked revolver in his left hand, and as I called out he stepped back and accidentally pulled the trigger. The bullet entered the top of his left foot, and with a yell of pain and terror he sank down and howled for five minutes without a break. I cut his boot off, bound up his hurt as best I could with my handkerchief and got him on his horse. He was crying all the time, but as I headed him for Carson to get the services of a surgeon, he eased up long enough to say:

"Stranger, ye'll find yer money on the grass, and I want ye to accept this gun as a present from me."

"But I have done nothing to be rewarded for."

"But I want you to take it to remember me by. Keep it with ye by day and night. Look at it every few minutes, and every time ye look say to yourself that it once belonged to a top-headed, knock-

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President Cleveland has put himself on record against the concealed weapon by refusing to pardon a man who has been sentenced to serve a year in jail in Washington for carrying a revolver. The President said in refusing the pardon: "Carrying pistols and using them on every possible pretext and assault such as this convict committed, growing out of the pistol carrying habit, ought in my opinion be severely and firmly created."

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Press and Carolinian. Honorable Wm. B. Hornblower, of New York, who it is said is to be appointed by President Cleveland as the Associate Justice on the Supreme Court bench to succeed the late Associate Justice Jackson, was down at Atlanta last week attending the Georgia State Bar Association as its chief orator. He was wine and dined and treated with great consideration and distinction. He was nominated for an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court by President Cleveland last winter, but the Senate failed to confirm him.

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