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WASHINGTON LETTER

From our Regular Correspondent.

Bryan's nomination for President by the populist convention after he had declined the nomination because that convention had nominated Tom Watson instead of Sewall for Vice President was much more satisfactory to the average democrat than it would have been under other circumstances. Of course Mr. Bryan would not even if he could, do anything to prevent the populists voting for him, but their nominating him after his declination will relieve him of obligations that would otherwise have existed. According to information received in Washington Bryan would have received the vote of nearly all of the populists whether he had been nominated by their convention or not.

Unless those who ought to know are altogether out in their reckoning, the nomination of Watson for Vice President was one of those meaningless things which are sometimes done in politics, and no doubt is felt of the election of Bryan and Sewall should the democrats and populists combined have a majority of the electoral college. Nevertheless it is feared that Watson's nomination may cause some trouble in several of the Southern states should there be both democratic and populist electors put up and voted for those states, as now seems probable, and there is, of course, a possibility of there being trouble in the electoral college should the Bryan majority be small and the balance of power be held by Bryan and Watson electors.

Secretary Hoke Smith is out for Bryan and Sewall, and Secretary Carlisle and Post Master General Wilson are expected to declare for the ticket, very shortly. None of these gentlemen are responsible for the belief, but all the same it exists that if President Cleveland publicly declares against the ticket, as it is feared he will do, there will be a breaking up of the cabinet, caused by the resignation of the members who will support the ticket.

All of the democratic organizations in Washington have appointed committees to act jointly in setting a date and making arrangements for a rousing Bryan and Sewall ratification meeting. As Mr. Bryan is expected to be the principal speaker at this meeting it is likely that the dates selected will be near that upon which the big ratification meeting in New York City will be held.

There was some amusement at the Congressional committee headquarters and among democrats generally at the report that somebody had hired Madison Square Gardens at New York City for an indefinite period from August 1st, in order to prevent the Bryan notification meeting being held there, as contemplated, the idea being presumably that good luck at-

tends a democratic candidate only when notified of his nomination in Madison Square Garden, because Mr. Cleveland received his notification there in 1892. If Bryan's enemies have money to spend in that way, the democrats will merely give them the icy laugh and hold the notification somewhere else, out of doors, if it be necessary to accommodate the thousands who have already announced their intention to attend the meeting.

Democrats who were much pleased when they heard that Senator Sherman was trying to persuade Mark Hanna to put him on the stump in the Western States for the gold standard ticket, and they only hope that Hanna will do it. It is their belief that with the possible exception of J. P. Morgan, the Wall street banker, or one of the Rothschilds, John Sherman could make more votes for Bryan and Sewall by taking up the gold standard in the Western states than any other one man living. Sherman is one of the gold bugs whose advice to Western silver men would be certain to cause them to do exactly the opposite thing.

Representative Babcock, of Wisconsin, chairman of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, isn't occupying a bed of roses this year. In addition to the worry incident to his position he has troubles of his own. He is making a three-cornered fight for his political life at home. He is a gold man, but it seems that a number of the most influential gold Republicans in his district are trying to throw the Congressional nomination to somebody else. There are also a considerable number of silver Republicans in the district and they are working against Babcock's nomination. A third fight against him is being waged by the A. P. A. As he can control the entire influence and all the resources of the congressional committee, he will probably succeed in getting nominated again, but with all these enemies in his own party, his getting elected again is quite another matter.

Notwithstanding the extraordinary efforts which are being made to hold them back by talking of nominating a gold Democratic ticket, a great many Democrats who do not approve of the financial plank of the platform are announcing their intention to vote for Bryan and Sewall instead of throwing their votes away or casting them for McKinley, and there will be a great many more of them before the campaign gets fairly started.

Six weeks ago I was suffering with a very severe cold; was almost unable to speak. My friends all advised me to consult a physician. Noticing Chamberlain's Cough Remedy advertised in the St. Paul Volks Zeitung I procured a bottle, and after taking it a short while was entirely well. I now most heartily recommend this remedy to anyone suffering with a cold. WM. KELL, 678 Selby Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

AN OLD BACHELOR.

[DEFINED BY A NEW WOMAN.]

"What is an old bachelor?"
His likeness is made
To a pair of old scissors
With only one blade.

Or a ripened cucumber
- Long since gone to seed;
A tree that is shadeless,
A flowerless weed.

A grumbler with gout,
A cynical wag,
A timepiece without
A mainspring; a stag.

The last rose of summer,
Champaign flat and stale,
A faded old chromo,
A hoopless old pail,

Cold coffee grown musty,
Or storage-kept fruit,
A hater of children,
A surly old brute.

A close-fisted miser,
A gay reprobate,
An eccentric old hermit
Who teeds upon hate.

A man loved by no man,
Though mine once was
scorned,
I am now a new woman,
Since then I've reformed.

Figs and Thistles.

Every promise is a debt.

Think much and speak little.

Hear the other side, and believe little.

Never was a mewling cat a good mouser.

Every duty performed leads to a blessing.

Nothing can come out of a sack but what is in it.

God is always on the side of the man who does right.

The way of the world is to make laws but follow customs.

Believing right has everything to do with feeling right.

It is folly to expect God to for give us while we are hating others.

The reason people do not love you may be because you are not very lovable.

No proof or denunciation is so potent as the silent influence of a good example.

Be careful where you step, and the man who follows you will not stumble so much.

Did you know that there were other claims upon you aside from your own selfish desires,

There is only one real failure in life possible, and that is not to be true to the best one knows.

When the devil wants to destroy a church, he gets up a fuss between some of the members.

Adversity shows a true man, as the night brings out the stars obscured while the sun is shining.

Did you know that the only true happiness in this world rests in the consciousness of having done one's duty.

The man who has something to do, something to love, and something for which to hope should be a happy man.

Educating your children is investing at a high rate of dividend. Lay up in them, and they lay up for themselves.

The surest road to happiness is to obey God every day. When you do this you are sure to make those around you happy.

The most striking fact about the increase of crimes that the daily papers are teeming with items of crimes committed by children.

The man who insists upon drowning his trouble in the flowing bowl always labors under the delusion that his trouble is in his stomach.

There is no prosperity, trade, art, city or great material wealth of any kind but if you trace it home you will find it rooted in a thought of some individual man.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

From Blowing Rock, N. C.

Editor Democrat:

Please give me space in your columns to tell my countrymen that I am not a candidate this year, as some might expect, for the office of Register of Deeds, although my name has been put forward by some of my friends for that office.

I now tell one and all not to consider my name for the nomination, for I could not accept if nominated on account of leaving my farm for the office. My name has also been spoken of for Treasurer, and I repeat that I am not a candidate. I have said that I guessed that if the boys need me and wanted me to have some of the crumbs that fall from their table, they may hollow loud enough that I may hear them in time for me to start on the campaign, and if they don't need me, I think I will find it out in time to stay at home.

Now Mr. Editor, allow me to return to the people my thanks for their support given me in the county convention two years ago when I was a candidate. I would have been glad to have had the opportunity of expressing my gratitude at the time but the opportunity did not avail itself to me and therefore I did not ask for it.

I close by wishing the democratic party success in nominating and electing good men to the State and county offices. Yours truly,
WM. ELROD.

The Sin of Slander.

The New York Observer remarks that on a recent Sunday a minister was heard to pray, with reference to the controversies impending during the present Presidential campaign: "Lord, keep our people from the sin of slander," and then comments as follows: "At the present juncture there is especial need of such petition. Slander is not only an offense against the law of man but also a sin in the sight of God, and there is no reason why a Presidential campaign, however exciting, should evoke false judgment, mean witticisms, or slanderous suggestions of lies that are no whiter because directed against a possible occupant of the White House. If a man has about him a ny Christianity at all, it should be of a type virile enough to stand the strain of caucus and convention and canvass."
—Progressive Farmer.

My little boy, when two years of age, was taken very ill with bloody flux. I was advised to use Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and luckily procured part of a bottle. I carefully read the directions and gave it accordingly. He was very low, but slowly and surely he began to improve, gradually recovered, and is now as stout and strong as ever. I feel sure it saved his life. I never can praise the Remedy very one in the world does not know how good it is, as I do.—Mrs. Lina S. Hinton, Grahamsville, Marion Co., Florida. For sale by all druggists.

A Book of Misrepresentations.

Biblical Recorder.

We have been amused at the consistency with which our Northern contemporaries have eulogized, without qualification, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," the book upon which the late Harriet Beecher Stowe's fame rests. Mrs. Stowe is dead now. We have never said ought against her and never will. But her book—whether it did a great service to the country or not, whether it freed the negro race or not, whether it was inspired as she said it was or not—was a series of chapters of misrepresentations; and the vaunted broad-mindedness of the Northern editors should recognize it, even though they praise the author and attribute to her book the sentiment against slavery that aroused the North. "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was overdrawn in the highest degree. The author may have thought she knew what she was writing about, but her representations of the condition of the negro is no better than her representation of the negro dialect, which a negro himself would never recognize. The book goes on its mission throughout the world, even in China and Japan misrepresenting our people. Thousands have seen and will see and will see it without seeing the negro or his former masters. If it did good once it does a world of evil now. The author rests in the rest of eternity; her book will live for generations, though it must die, for a lie is never immortal. "The evil that men do lives after them."

The Baltimore American, Republican organ asks where the supporters of Bryan are "going to get the money and organization to run their campaign?" This is the gold idea of a campaign—money and organization." The Democrats do not expect to have money to run the campaign. They have deliberately taken a position that will deny them the contribution of any income tax-dodger, tariff baron, gold speculator or bond-grabber. As these are the men who buy elections, their contributions will go to the McKinley fund. It is a contest of a fair chance for all the people vs. monopolizing special privileges for the few.—News and Observer.

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The whole hope of human progress is suspended on the ever-growing influence of the Bible.—William Henry Sewall.

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