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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Secretary Gage now owns up to the gold bond scheme, which so many republicans took the trouble to deny when it was publicly stated a short time ago that it would form the foundation of the administration's attempt to secure financial legislation from Congress at the coming session. Mr. Gage's statement to the Cabinet has been made public, probably with the hope that it will meet favor with the people to a sufficient extent to influence Senators who are naturally opposed to such a scheme, which, for bamboozling purposes, Mr. Gage calls anti-radical in character. This country fought the greatest war of modern times without finding it necessary to issue a single gold bond, yet, now, in a time of peace and amid boasts of continued and increasing prosperity, the administration will ask Congress to authorize the issue of a sufficient quantity of gold bonds to refund the entire bonded indebtedness of the country and to add a hundred or two million to the gold reserve fund. Some of the arguments advanced in favor of the change are little short of ludicrous. For instance, when Mr. Gage says that making our entire bonded indebtedness payable in gold "would strengthen and confirm the public credit and put us in a position to command the markets of the world for our securities on the most advantageous terms." Every school boy knows that we already occupy that position; that like the securities of no country on earth are in greater demand all over the world than those of the United States.

Mr. Gage repeats the Cleveland-Carlisle recommendation that the greenbacks and Treasury Notes be retired, and offers as a substitute the probable increase of National Bank notes that would follow the adoption of this recommendation to allow National Banks to be established with a capital of \$25,000 in towns of less than 2,000 inhabitants and to allow all National banks to issue notes to the par value of the bonds they have deposited with the government to secure their circulation. Taken all in all, the financial recommendations of the present administration bear a close resemblance to those of the Cleveland-Carlisle regime, and the following words written by Mr. Gage, after telling about how prosperous the country is now on account of bountiful crops, etc., indicate that the administration might even follow Mr. Cleveland's example in giving the country a financial object lesson to impress its views upon Congress: "Unfortunately these good conditions cannot be assured to us. Commerce and industry, sensitive to all unfavorable events, and watchful with anxiety against dangers as

yet unseen, need for their full rehabilitation from past reverses and depressions, a renewed confidence that the governments finances are to be firmly placed on stronger and more enduring foundations than now exist." In other words, the establishment of the single gold standard by law, instead of by the will of an administration, as at present, is demanded. The difference between demanding and getting from Congress will soon be apparent from the administration.

How the Dingley tariff law acts to reduce our trade with Mexico—trade which naturally belongs to us, is shown by the following remarks of Mr. E. L. Stillson, now in Washington, who has been in Mexico for fifteen years, as manager of a Philadelphia silver mining company: "This country, I think, is not pursuing exactly the right policy in its relations to Mexico. We ought by right of contiguity to have almost a monopoly of the trade of the sister republic. Everybody knows that instead of buying the bulk of its imports from the United States that Mexico prefers to get them of France and Germany. The reason for this Diaz government thinks it proper to get back at us by levying a stiff duty on American wares. The goods of France and other foreign countries are not so heavily taxed, and therefore crowd ranker products out of the market. As long as we levy such high monopolized by trans-Atlantic countries."

Notwithstanding the jolly jing that Attorney General McKenna has been publicly giving himself for his work in helping the Huntington syndicate make sure of getting the Union Pacific Railroad at a price admitted to be many millions below the actual value of the property, he is said to fear that it may keep him out of that coveted seat on the bench of the U. S. Supreme Court, to which he will be nominated in a few weeks. He knows that there are a number of Senators who are thoroughly posted on this whole Union Pacific business, and he has a dread lest they should see fit to either hold up or defeat his nomination to succeed Justice Field, as a punishment for his connection with the deal.

It often happens that the doctor is out of town when he is most needed. The two year old daughter of J. Y. Schenck, of Caddo Ind. Territory, was threatened with croup. He writes: "My wife insisted that I go for the doctor at once, but as he was out of town, I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which relieved the child immediately." A bottle of this remedy in the house will often save the expense of a doctor's bill, besides the anxiety always occasioned by serious sickness. When it is given as soon as the croupy cough appears, it will prevent the attack. Thousands of mothers always keep it in their homes. The 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by M. B. Blackburn.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Farmers' Mutual Headquarters, Castle of the Duke of Summerfield, August, 28th 1897.

General Order No. 1.

WHEREAS, The Duke has 200 bushels of wheat for sale and, whereas, the price of the same has reached one dollar per bushel; whereas, the Farmers' Mutual is flourishing and growing in favor, and crops are good, and, whereas, in spite of this, evil has entered into the hearts of some of my subjects, and general cussedness in high places abounds, and, whereas in former orders I revealed and prevented the dark conspiracy of bold, bad men to pluck the remaining tail feathers from the ancient and honorable American eagle, now, therefore, finding further conspiracy and rottenness I issue my general orders No. 2:

1. Benedict Arnold Butler and Chief Mountain-stomached Russell are ordered to take smaller quantities of firewater daily and to cease holding midnight conferences, sleeping together and using the same quill for domestic purposes. Otherwise I shall discharge the band of savages, order Russell back, at least into the picket grounds of the Republican party, and shall command Otho Wilson to march with Gideon's band against the late Mr. Butler, aforesaid.

2. Judge Walter Mexico Clark is hereby ordered to cease writing letters at the order of the pair aforesaid and to report at once to the R. R. Commissioners that he is the only man in the State who enjoys special freight rates.

3. The State Printer and Chaplain of the "Savages," Rev. Hallelujah Ayer, is required at once to carry out his reduction of salaries for State officials and to make an immediate report on the State Printing. He is also required to explain how the Caucasian is printed at the State's expense, and why he should not be impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors.

4. My charioteer is ordered to release from the chariot my four steeds, Butler, Russell, Clark and Avery, as they have been driven together long enough and are now spayed and troubled with bots.

We, the common people of North Carolina, must thrive and prosper, and a brighter day must dawn—The Farmers' Mutual must increase in glory and my people be prosperous and happy.

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will be issued monthly 'till all of the conspiracies in North Carolina are laid bare. There is also opened the annual proceedings of the Farmers' Mutual, a company of the people, for the people and by the people, safe as the safest and cheaper than the cheap est.

Sweeping Democratic Victory.
News and Observer.

The election yesterday showed how the people vote when fraud and coercion do not dominate.

It shows that democracy is in a large majority in this country, and that upon a fair and unbought election in 1896 Bryan would today be in the White House.

In Nebraska, the home of the eloquent and able leader of the party, the Republican party was snowed under by a much bigger majority than last year. "Beginning at Jerusalem."

The success of the Democratic ticket in the State of New York, wiping out an adverse majority of 240,000, is glory enough. It shows that the Democracy of the Empire State, though disorganized and discouraged in 1896 in trying to undo the teachings of Cleveland and Hill, has not abandoned the faith.

The news from Ohio is that the Democrats have elected the State ticket and will control the General Assembly, thus insuring the defeat of Mark Hanna to the Senate. The Republicans do not concede this, but say that the result is in very great doubt.

The Democrats have elected their Mayor in the city of Louisville after a most exciting contest. This city gave McKinley an immense majority in 1896. The bulletins from other parts of the State indicate that the Democrats have won by old-time majorities, though returns are too slow to be certain.

The result in Maryland is in very grave doubt. It rather looks like the Republicans are in the lead, and that Gorman may be defeated.

Virginia is strongly Democratic, insuring the reelection of Senator Daniel.

In Iowa the Republican loss is very great. The majority of 1896 is reduced more than 40,000. The Democrats claim the election of the Governor.

In all the other States voting, there are big Democratic gains.

Democracy is triumphant. All the money power in the world cannot defeat Bryan in 1900.

From the Lone Star State comes the following letter, written by W. F. Gass, editor of the Mt. Vernon, (Tex.) Herald: "I have used Chamberlain's colic, cholera and diarrhoea remedy in my family for the past year, and find it the best remedy for colic and diarrhoea that I have ever tried. Its effects are instantaneous and satisfactory, and I cheerfully recommend it, especially for cramp colic and diarrhoea. Indeed, we shall try and keep a bottle of it on our medicine shelf as long as we keep house." For sale by M. B. Blackburn.

Cotton is Still Lagging.

Atlanta Constitution.
The low price of cotton seems to be still too high for the manufacturers. There is such an unsatisfactory condition of things at Fall River and elsewhere in the North and East, that the mills have practically withdrawn from the cotton market. The boom that was expected has not arrived; the higher tariff duties have not proved in the least effectual.

Unquestionably the low price of raw cotton is caused by the lack of demand for cotton goods, and the lack of the demand is due to a lack of money. The gold men say there is plenty of money in circulation. There is probably more than a plenty in circulation in the financial centers, but the fact doesn't help matters in the wide expanse of territory covered by the South and West. There is more in circulation in the West than there has been, owing to the higher price of wheat, but the increase is not a drop in the bucket compared with the needs of the people.

The territory referred to is the market for cotton goods, and owing to the lack of money there, the mills find their unsold stocks piling up.

When will the matter take a turn? When the manufacturers join with the farmers in abolishing the single gold standard. Unless that is done shortly, the majority of the Eastern mills will have to go out of business.

A Good Indication.
Biblical Recorder.

It is right hard on the cotton buyers that comparatively so little cotton has been brought to market; but it is a good sign, nevertheless. It shows that many farmers are at least no longer at the mercy of their friends, the spring time leintakers. Time was, and is now with many, when if a farmer had cotton on October 1st he must fetch it to market and lay it at the feet of the merchant who supplied him with provisions and fertilizers in the sowing season. That so much cotton is now in the farmers' hands, and that they express a readiness to hold in hope of better prices, which we believe will be offered, indicates that the farmers are more independent than they have been, which is as good a sign of the times as we have discovered in many a day. Let our farmer friends strive to be independent more and more. They know how better than this writer. The achieving it is the question. It is easy to say: "Make the farm support itself: then plant the surplus acres in a money crop." But it requires masterful management, and fine thrift to do it. Yet it has been and is done: and the more that do it, the happier this land.

Chicago News: He: "Do you think there really is any danger in kissing?"

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