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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent

Republican audacity has done some very nery things in the claiming line of the past, but the claim of the administration shouters that the rescue of the foreigners in Pekin by the allied army was a triumph for Mr. McKinley's Chinese policy is about the weakest ever put out. In the first place, it is necessary for a man to have a policy before that policy can triumph, and in the second place, the foreigners at Pekin were rescued by an army composed of soldiers from half a dozen nations, less than one-tenth of whom were Americans. Everybody rejoices that the Americans and other foreigners who have been shut up in Pekin have been rescued, but that rescue was no triumph for Mr. McKinley's policy, if his drifting along can be dignified by the name of policy. It was rather a piece of luck for Mr. McKinley, inasmuch as it relieved the strain on the public, and opened up another drifting period for him, in which he need not take any chances of going wrong by doing something. It is significant that friends of the administration are beginning to talk about the probability of the administration being compelled to take Chinese territory in lieu of cash indemnity. This is believed to be a feeler of the public pulse.

Henry Clay was the only man defeated when nominated for President again after being defeated when first nominated. That and other important political facts were recalled by Col. E. McC. Ford, a well-known lawyer, now in Washington, when he said: "With one exception every man who has received a second nomination for the presidency, after having been defeated the first time, has been elected. In 1796 Thomas Jefferson was defeated by John Adams. In 1800 Jefferson was nominated again and elected. In 1824 Andrew Jackson was defeated by John Quincy Adams but four years later, when he was nominated for the second time, he defeated Adams. In 1836 William Henry Harrison was defeated by Martin Van Buren, but in 1840 Harrison turned the tables and was elected. The case of Bryan is like that of Jefferson, Jackson and William Henry Harrison. He was defeated in his first canvass and four years later he is again the candidate of his party. If precedent is followed, he will be elected."

The republican managers are worried no little over the general party apathy and are studying hard to try to think up something that will stir the party up. Mr. McKinley brought a rough draft of his letter of acceptance with him when he returned to Washington, but after submitting it to the criticism of a number of party leaders it was torn up and he will write another at

ter he has a talk with Hanna, who will meet him in Canton after the G. A. R. encampment, in Chicago, which Mr. McKinley is booked to attend to see if the soldier voters can't be worked up into some semblance of enthusiasm.

A committee of Cubans are in Washington for the purpose of trying to hurry up American evacuation of the Island, and to secure what is very doubtful whether the administration ever intends to give them—the right to establish an absolutely independent Cuban republic. They have had a talk with Mr. McKinley and with Secretary Root and have submitted a type-written statement of what those they represent ask for, but they have received no promises from either. The members of this committee are Salvador Cisneros, who was the first President of the Cuban Republic of 1895; General Morlot, who commanded a division of the "Liberating Army," and Rev. Dr. Louis Mustelier. On the same day that the committee arrived the 1337 Cuban school teachers who have been taking a course at Harvard University reached Washington for two days of sight seeing before going back to their homes.

There is no disposition to brag or talk for effect at the headquarters of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. Chairman Richardson and his fellow members believe that the democrats can carry the next House and they are leaving nothing undone that will in their judgment help to do it. The work of the committee is in no more advanced condition than it was ever known to be at this stage of a campaign. Inquiries which come to the committee show that the republican Porto Rico Legislation of the last Congress is likely to be a factor in a number of Congressional districts. The voters are asking for the speeches against the Porto Rican tariff, especially those made by republicans; they are also showing by the tone of their letters that they fully realize the importance and danger of imperialism and its twin evil, militarism. The apathy about which republican managers are becoming so badly frightened has not been discovered in the democratic ranks. On the contrary, reports from almost every section of the country say that the democrats are in the notion to put up a strong aggressive fight, believing that it is on the cards for them to win both presidential and congressional elections.

Official statistics of the wheat crops of the world for 1899 and 1900, have just been compiled by the Department of Agriculture. They state that in the countries of the Southern hemisphere, the wheat crops are short 160,543,000 This is 1,000,000 short of last year's production.

One Glass of Wine.

Atlanta Constitution.

It is said that a single glass of wine probably wrecked the Democratic party in 1860. The story is worth relating. After the breaking up of the National Democratic convention at Charleston the party in Georgia held a State Convention. Great excitement prevailed. The leaders of the party could not agree. It was a critical period.

The majority report endorsed the seceders, or bolters, at Charleston, while the minority report opposed their action. The leading champion of the minority was Her-shal V. Johnson, and his followers were confident that his eloquence and logic would carry the day.

It is quite likely that such would have been the case but for an unfortunate mishap. Ex-Governor Johnson began his speech before the noon adjournment on the second day and concluded after dinner.

Old men who remember that speech say it was a powerful argument, and the impression gained ground that after the noon recess the speaker would demolish his opponent with a few sledge hammer blows.

But the over confident friends of the minority report were doomed to disappointment. Johnson felt the strain of the morning session so much that he was unable to eat anything and he took a glass of wine upon an empty stomach to strengthen himself. This was a fatal mistake. That one glass of wine probably changed the destiny of the nation.

The great orator resumed his speech, but the wine nauseated him. He was hazy, verbose and unintelligible at times. His style and argument lacked vigor, consistency and positiveness. His friends looked at one another in despair. The men on the other side were exultant. It was evident that the speaker had damaged his own cause.

Then Howell Cobb and Henry R. Jackson followed each other for the majority report. They spoke with an air of exultant triumph and captured the convention. The majority report was adopted. It is unnecessary to follow the history of the next few weeks. The National Democracy was completely disrupted and put two tickets in the field. Lincoln was elected and the country was plunged into a civil war. Had Johnson succeeded in inducing the Georgia convention to adopt his conservative ideas it is safe to say that other Southern States would have fallen into line with our commonwealth, and the National Democratic party would have remained united.

This is the story of what a little glass of wine did. It ruined a great party, caused a disastrous war and besides the loss of life cost the South over \$4,000,000,000. Perhaps this is rather speculative but there are many who believed it a generation ago.

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Democracy Should Be United.

Baltimore Sun

The platform adopted by the Democratic National Convention in 1896 made the free coinage or silver the leading issue. If Mr. Bryan had been elected at that time and the House of Representatives had contained a majority pledged to silver, free coinage legislation could and probably would have been enacted. The platform adopted at Kansas City last month makes imperialism the paramount issue. It is true that the platform also contains a specific declaration for free coinage, but it is equally true that there can be no free coinage as long as the Senate is controlled by the Republicans. The highest authorities on finance in the Republican party have agreed that the currency legislation enacted at the last session of Congress will maintain the gold standard as long as the act remains on the statute books. The law cannot be repealed as long as the Republicans are in the Senate. Free coinage, therefore, in this campaign, is scarcely more than an academic question. It was a political blunder to put the silver declaration in the Kansas City platform, but its presence in the platform does not make it a live question. With a gold-standard Senate to hold a silver President and House in check free coinage is certainly not a practical issue for the time being. The platform of 1896 related exclusively to domestic questions. The platform of 1900 makes wars of conquest, forcible annexation of territory and imperial tendencies in government the paramount issue. There are, therefore, abundant reasons why Democrats who refused to go with their party in 1896 should make common cause with it this year on the new and important issues now before the people. "When," as that sturdy gold Democrat, General Collins, of Boston, recently said, "the integrity as well as the honor of the Republic is in peril all minor questions disappear or wait until the safety of the State is assured."

A gentleman recently cured of dyspepsia gave the following appropriate rendering of Burns' famous blessing: "Some have meat and cannot eat, and some have none and want it; but we have meat and we can eat—Kodol Dyspepsia Cure be thanked." This preparation will digest what you eat. It instantly relieves and radically cures indigestion and all stomach disorders. coffeys Bros, Phillips & Son.

Mary Ann Butler says she is for Bryan but cannot support Stevenson, as she insists that the Populist National Committee, which meets the 27th inst., shall name a candidate for Vice President. Mrs. Butler is hard to make believe that she is politically dead, but such is her condition, much to the satisfaction of the people of North Carolina.

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Yellow "Nigger" to Match Butler.

On the subject of the recent controversy between Senator Butler and a Congressman John D. Bellamy, The Wilmington Messenger publishes the following card from Mr. J. C. Stanly, of Marlville, Bladen county, for his tenants, addressed to Mr. Butler:

"Sir: We have seen your challenge through the papers to our beloved and honored Jno. D. Bellamy. Mr. Bellamy, is too high in the political arena, and too much honored to deal with you personally, and he is too pure in the estimation of sixteen thousand constituents to have a personal encounter or to reply to your banter, or to serve you in any purpose. There are ten thousand good people in Mr. Bellamy's district who will meet you, man to man, and settle all challenges that you may give out. I have a farm that employs fifty good men, and any yellow nigger that I have says that he will match you as to personal encounter. They say you have betrayed them in every trust that they have confided in you."

The law holds both makers and circulators of a counterfeit equally guilty. The dealer who sells you a dangerous counterfeit of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve risks your life to make a little larger profit. You can not trust him. DeWitt's is the only genuine and original Witch Hazel Salve, a well known cure for piles and all skin diseases. See that your dealer gives you DeWitt's Salve. coffeys Bros, Phillips & Son.

The Rev. Charles Sheldon, of Topeka, speaking of his recent visit to England says: "We have been jostled on railroad platforms by drunken men and women, we have had intoxicating drinks offered us at the house of English people, we have seen the public house on almost every corner with bar maids behind the bar and little children in front of it and men and women crowding every inch of room in every public house in every town and city."

The Salisbury Truth Index says that lightning struck Dr. J. B. Gaither's house at China Grove Sunday and one end of the house was damaged considerably. No one was seriously hurt, but Dr. and Mrs. Gaither were slightly shocked.

Over-Work Weakens Your Kidneys.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood.

All the blood in your body passes through your kidneys every three minutes. The kidneys are your blood purifiers, they filter out the waste or impurities in the blood. If they are sick or out of order, they fail to do their work. Pains, aches and rheumatism come from excess of uric acid in the blood, due to neglected kidney trouble.

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