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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent

The news that President Roosevelt will retain the present cabinet in tact came as something of a surprise to the country in general. Perhaps no change he could have made would have surprised the public so much as this unlooked-for conservatism. But it is an old story, as regards Roosevelt, that the only thing you can really expect of him is the unexpected.

It is no secret that Platt and Hanna were doing considerable squirming for a few days after they realized that the man whom they had shelved as Vice President was really headed for the White House. They did not like it. They were afraid of him and they are still, but in a modified way. They realize that Roosevelt is going to do what he says he will, and they have that much to build on, but whether he will do it in the way they want him to, is another thing. When he says he is going head first thro' a plate glass window, the window had better be insured, and some of the enterprises in which these two sapient gentlemen are engaged are of the nature of a conservatory. They are raising infant industries under glass, and that sort of thing. It would not be nice if the Rough Rider should put his boot thro' the shelter of the shipping subsidies, Hanna says he will not, but maybe the wish is father to the thought. It is known that Roosevelt is very much interested in the upbuilding of the Merchant Marine, and particularly that of the Navy. He wishes to unite the countries of the two Americas by commercial links. The question is whether he can join the two wings of his own party so that they will flap in unison and take him where he wants to go. President McKinley never exactly said anything in favor of subsidies, but then, he never spoke against them. Roosevelt never was neutral in his life. He reminds one of a remark of one of the characters of Tourgee's once famous novels, "A Fool's Errand." "Old men generally get the credit for all the conservatism in the world, but it is a mistake. A young man backs just as hard as he pulls. If he is opposed to a thing, he fights it tooth and nail." Roosevelt is only forty two, and that is the sort of a conservative he will be when he is one at all.

The very exuberance of the utterances of various republican Senators as to the confidence they have in Roosevelt, since his decision to retain the members of the present Cabinet, is a little suspicious. It indicates that they have been scared and are now reassured.

Another thing which should not be overlooked is that Roosevelt's principal friends and supporters have not yet come on the scene. It is certainly thought that when Senator Lodge comes back from

Europe there may be some change in the existing situation.

There is no doubt that Mr. Roosevelt will be strenuous in some directions. It is said that he will favor not only a large navy, but a standing army of a strength equal to that provided under the reorganization act of last winter. Whether the army can be enlarged indefinitely without interfering with the welfare of the people as a whole is one of the questions not yet settled. We are not ready for any such ideals of military service as those which prevail in Europe, and it is doubtful if we want to be. Another place in which there is likely to be some shaking up is the secret service men. President Roosevelt has been collecting testimony about the performances of the secret service men at Buffalo, and it is stated that he regards them with contempt, as a lot of incompetents, and will make some radical changes in that branch of the government very soon. In this connection there is a little story about Josiah Flynt, the tramp detective, which is interesting. Flynt, as many people know, is a college-bred man who has been knocking about in the disguise of a hobo for the last ten or fifteen years, gathering information about tramp and criminal classes, and is probably the best authority in the country on this subject. He published an article some time ago that was a terrible arraignment of the New York detective force, and the New York people were mad. They said they would show him that he could not talk that way about the police of a great city. For two days they hunted for him. At the end of that time he strolled into the "Front Office," talked with the chief about an irrelevant matter, and asked incidentally, "Have they caught that man Flynt yet?" He was regaled with unvarnished opinions of himself and strolled out again in a state of inward amusement. They have not caught him yet. The fact is that the detective and the secret service men are not as sharp as the criminal, and until they are, until men who are resourceful, shrewd and incorruptible, make up these forces, the criminal will have about as good a time as he does now.

It was stated by some correspondent that Roosevelt had positively said that he would not be a candidate for the Presidency in 1904. He has denied this interview point blank, but he admits that what he really said was something like this: That while he was a Vice-President

he had considered such a candidacy and had begun to work for it, but since the tragic event which made him President, he could not make any personal canvass for the nomination. Anybody can see that, but it is thought that he would not refuse to take the candidacy if it should be offered to him, and that is as far as it is proper for him to go at this early stage of affairs.

An interesting statement which President Roosevelt made on Saturday morning to Senator Pritchard, of N. C., Representative Klutz, of the same state and Representative Gibson, of Tenn., was this:

"I am going to be President of the United States and not of any section. I don't care that, with a snap of his finger, for section or sectional lines."

He also said something of the same sort to Senator Money, of Mississippi, and Hon. Livingston, of Ga., adding that he was half Southern blood and that having lived in the west he hoped he might represent all sections.

### Cure of Chronic Diarrhoea After 30 Years of Suffering.

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## The Blowing Rock Picnic.

Editor Democrat:

Perhaps nowhere in the country can there be found a more genial and wholesome people than at Valle Crucis. It may be that one secret of their great popularity is the at home feeling given to the stranger in their midst; certain it is that without this talismanic power, they would be less widely known.

Almost every day of the past summer witnessed some kind of dining, riding party, or other social function; while evening entertainments, interspersed with music, crokinole and "table rappings" were by no means infrequent.

An elegant dinner at ex-Sheriff D. F. Baird's; one at Mr. T. H. Taylor's, one at Mr. Finley Mast's; another at "Glendoris," the home of Mr. C. D. Taylor, are among the very latest records on the social calendar, but do not include them all; for prominent among those not mentioned, is the picnic at Blowing Rock. To the happy crowd of picnickers, 15 in number, last Saturday was indeed a "red letter day," especially to those who had never gone to Blowing Rock before; but more especially to the one from South Alabama where mountain scenery is unknown.

Would you like to enjoy that trip for the first time? Then come with us; take a seat in the front carriage with Misses E. and L. B., N. M. and Mr. W. B.; or in the second with Misses B. H., L. S., D. T. and Mr. W. M.; or in any of the three buggies, one of which is occupied by Miss M. and Dr. R.; another by Misses A. B., B. B. D. and Mr. N. McG.; and another by Mrs. D. and L., neither of whom can tell you anything at all in regard to the many points of interest along the route; but reference to little Miss D. T., a blue-eyed and golden haired lassie of thirteen summers, occupying the rear seat of the carriage just in front of us, will elicit all desired information.

However, we've started, and away we go, through interlacing boughs of hemlock and maple, in the early hours of morn, while the spiders are yet spinning gossamer roles for the fairies. Merry voices, in laughter and song, ring out on the fresh morning air; silvery cascades over rugged crags faintly echo the glad sounds; then an opening in the forest on some great height and you have "a glimpse of a height that is higher." Mountain after mountain changing from different shades of blue to different shades of green, until in the distance they are merged into the "ether of the sky," and you reverently lift your eyes to heaven above in silent gratitude for the privilege of seeing. Describe all this? Assuredly not. To even attempt it, were sacrilege.

Reaching the village, stopping awhile at the post office for a chat with Miss Addie Mast, a fair young Valle Crucian, who assists in looking after Uncle Sam's mail; a short drive brings us to the

famous rock, from which this favorite resort takes its name. The gentlemen attend to the horses, and we ascend the steps of the platform, or whatever the plank elevation near the summit of the rock is called.

Standing there in mute admiration of the beautiful and expansive view, the light touch of a hand upon our own aroused us from our reverie, and Miss L. B. gently directs our gaze to the location of our hamlet or town in the valley between the mountains, or to some towering peak beyond. Dr. R., from what seemed to be a very dangerous position, kindly explains the great rush of air or 'blowing,' of this phenomenal specimen of Nature's handiwork, while Miss L. S. throws bits of paper down the precipice, by way of illustration.

Dinner is served, and after its full enjoyment, Misses L. B., L. M. and L. wend their way to the crystal spring at the head of the Yadkin river, where they are joined by the other members of the party.

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