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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Senator Gorman returned from Europe last week, and, if the Senator has any presidential aspirations, he must have been much gratified at the situation as he found it in this country. When interviewed by the host of newspaper men who awaited his coming to Washington, the Senator was almost as non-committal as usual. He appeared to be in excellent health, and the ruddy complexion gained at sea gave him a particularly hale and hearty appearance. With his usual affability the Senator received the representatives of the press, but managed to dodge all leading questions with the adroitness for which he is famous. He declared that it was too early to talk of candidates but added that the fate of the democratic party was too important a matter to permit of personal considerations. The next convention must select the man capable of leading the party to victory and adopt a platform with but a single purpose, success. He defined the issue as tariff reform, economy in public administration and honesty in public office, although he added that it was impossible to foretell what another session of Congress would bring forth. Senator Gorman was told that Judge Parker had made a trip south and had proved a disappointment to the Georgians, at least, in that he had talked law to them rather than politics, but the Senator only smiled and said it was too early to discuss men, the right man would appear at the proper time.

Washington politicians are taking considerable interest in the Ohio situation where Tom Johnson, mayor of Cleveland, has announced that he will be a candidate for Governor if the party desires. It is generally believed that Mr. Johnson's chief object is the defeat of Senator Hanna, and that he will lend his support to any other candidate if an apparently stronger man appears in the arena. The defeat of Senator Hanna is regarded by eastern democrats as an end devoutly to be hoped for as it would result in sadly demoralizing the republicans and would pave the way to democratic victory, removing the head of the most undesirable element from national politics. It is generally appreciated in Washington that most of the corruption in the postoffice Department in the Hanna style of politics he having, as has been already told in these letters, saddled Perry Heath when the latter was first assistant postmaster general, with several thousand political pledges, made to accomplish his own election to the Senate and that of the republican candidates for President.

On Saturday last, General Nelson A. Miles, having reached the age limited, 64 years,

retired from his position of "general commanding the army," and General Samuel B. M. Young was appointed to succeed him. This appointment is regarded by General Miles' friends as a marked evidence of the vindictiveness of Secretary War Root and the antipathy in which General Miles was held by the President. It was the intention of Congress to confer on Miles the honor of being the last officer to fill this place, the new staff law, which went into effect August the 15th, abolishing the position. General Young is absent from Washington and will not return until after the 15th and no harm would have been done by leaving Gen. Miles' former position vacant until the new law went into effect but the discrepancy of dates gave Secretary Root an opportunity to rob the retiring General of his slight honor and he promptly availed himself of it.

It is regarded as somewhat remarkable that Sec. Root should have been the designer of the general staff law, which, it must be admitted, corrects the defects in the military system which made General Miles' position almost untenable, but which also will have the effect of robbing the Secretary of War of all opportunity of making a great name for himself, in the future. Under the existing law the Secretary of War and the ten heads of staff bureaus have had all power in the management of army affairs, and the position of "general commanding" was an honor without proportionate power. Under the new law, the ranking general will be the chief of the staff made up of these bureau heads and the staff will be almost supreme, so that the powers of the Secretary of War will be materially curtailed. One of the virtues of the new law rests in the fact that in the future no adjutant general can, by systematically seeking the favors of the Secretary of War and of the politicians, secure the inordinate power and proportion which has been acquired by Adjutant General Corbin. Another benefit it will result from the direction of the army by experienced officers, instead of by a civilian secretary of war appointed, usually, for political reasons and largely influenced by sycophantic subordinates. Sec. Root will be accorded great credit by historians for his organization and promotion of the general staff, but he has burned the bridges behind him and it is difficult to see how there can ever be another great secretary of war like a Stanton or a Root. In future, the position will be decidedly analogous to that of the 'general commanding' from which General Miles retires. It is also unlikely that under the new law such men as General Leonard Wood will be able to gain rapid promotion over the heads of men with far more experience and entitled by long service to the highest honors,

but this applies only to the principles, for by this very General Wood is scheduled to become lieutenant general and chief of staff, and, because he is now a comparatively young man, will retain that position for twelve years before he reaches the age of sixty-four.

Reports from Bogota are causing great anxiety to the friends of the Panama Canal. It appears that the railroad lobby, which has been working in Bogota in the interest of the transcontinental railways has persuaded the Colombians that they must amend the present treaty and that will mean an entire reversal of the old fight between the Panama and Nicaraguan routes in the United States Senate, Senator Morgan is as convinced as ever that the interests of the United States lie in the construction of the canal by the Nicaraguan route and will make a vigorous fight if it is attempted to accept an amended treaty.

NIGHT WAS HER TORTURE.
"I would cough nearly all night long" writes Mrs. Charles Applegate, of Alexandria, Indiana, "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumption so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but when all other medicine had failed, three bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 58 pounds." It is absolutely guaranteed to cure coughs, colds, la grippe, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c. and \$1. Trial bottles free at Blackburn's.

A Pennsylvania school board, says an exchange, has decided that a school principal who hugged one of his pretty feminine subordinates did not commit an act of immorality. Apparently this board was composed of human beings.

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If you suffer from ulcers, eczema, scrofula, blood poison, cancer, eating sores, itching skin, pimples, boils, bone pains, swellings, rheumatism, catarrh, or any blood or skin disease, we advise you to take Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.). Especially recommended for old, obstinate, deep-seated cases, cures where all else fails, heals every sore, makes the blood pure and rich, gives the skin the rich glow of health. Druggists, \$1 per large bottle. Sample sent free by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble and free medical advice sent in sealed letter. Medicine sent at once, prepaid.

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BRUTALLY TORTURED.
A case came to light that for persistent and unmerciful torture has perhaps never been equalled, Joe Golobick of Cojuna, Calif., writes: "For fifteen years I endured insufferable pain from rheumatism and nothing relieved me though I tried everything known. I came across Electric Bitters, and it's the best medicine on earth for that troubles. A few bottles of it completely relieved and cured me." Just as good for liver and kidney troubles and general debility. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by M. B. Blackburn.

Man proposes, woman disposes, and the rest of the world says "I told you so."

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Bryan's Abuse of His Party.

The following excoriation of Col. W. J. Bryan, is from the New York World:
"When Mr. Bryan in a public speech refers to the man whom his party has twice elected President as a 'bumbo steerer,' and declares that 'the Democrats' in 1892 played a confidence game on the country," he descends unteachable Bourbonism to indecent buffoonery.

"If the matter concerned Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Bryan alone there would be no occasion to notice it. The country has recorded its judgment upon the two men by twice electing the former to the Presidency and by twice defeating the latter with a thoroughness that simply crushed his party.

"But this reiterated charge of a 'betrayal' of Democratic principles in 1892 reflects upon the honor of the party and upon the intelligence of the people. As the World has heretofore shown the two paramount pledges in the Democratic national platform of 1892 were given in these words:


"We denounce the Republican legislation known as the Sherman act of 1890 as a cowardly makeshift, fraught with possibilities of danger to the future, which should make all its supporters, as well as its author, anxious for its speedy repeal."

"We denounce the McKinley tariff law as the culminating atrocity of class legislation, and promises its repeal."

"President Cleveland called Congress together in extra session and secured a repeal of the Silver Purchase law which had already nearly emptied the Treasury of its gold and was fast hastening the country to a cheap silver basis. In doing this he not only carried out the pledge of the Democratic platform, but he performed one of the most courageous and beneficial acts ever accredited to an American President. The Democratic House under the guidance of Mr. Cleveland's closest friends, passed a real Democratic tariff reform bill, redeeming the second pledge of the platform. This bill was so mutilated in the Senate, through the machinations of a little clique of monopoly-serving Democrats acting with the Republicans, that President Cleveland permitted it to become a law without his signature recording his protest against the 'perfidy' which has marred it.

"Here again Mr. Cleveland was bold and right, true to his convictions and to the pledge of his party. The impartial historian will place chief among the causes of Democratic defeat in the election of 1894 these three: (1) The financial panic of 1893, due to a depreciated currency and a depleted Treasury, both happening under Republican laws and administration; (2) the disgust and anger of the tariff reformers at the betrayal of their cause by Democratic Senators, and (3) the free silver planks which had already begun to appear in Democratic platforms in the South and West, presaging the lunacy and the party suicide of 1895. Mr. Bryan cannot alter history:

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You can be cured of any form of tobacco using easily, be made well, strong, magnetic, full of new life and vigor by taking **NO-TO-BAC**, that makes weak men strong. Many gain ten pounds in ten days. Over 500,000 cured. All druggists. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and advice FREE. Address, STERLING REMEDY CO., Chicago or New York. 43



I have had occasion to use your Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine and am pleased to say that I never used anything for stock that gave half as good satisfaction. I heartily recommend it to all owners of stock.
J. B. BELSHER, St. Louis, Mo.

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A Scotchman, telling the people of Neodesha, Kansas, of the difference between their town and the old country, said: "In the town where I was raised, which is larger than Neodesha, we had not a newspaper, a church, a minister, a lawyer nor a doctor! Ah! we just lived along as happy as you please with nothing to bother us."

NO PITY SHOWN.
"For years fate was after me continuously" writes F. A. Gulleck, Verbena, Alabama. "I had a terrible case of piles, causing 24 tumors. When all failed Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured me. Equally good for burns and all aches and pains. Only 25c. at M. B. Blackburn's.

We know, says the Greensboro Record, a man who lives within a mile and a quarter of the city who has sold this year \$80 worth of tomatoes from less than an acre of ground and he is not through with crop yet. The same man also sold in the spring \$75 worth of turnip greens from just half an acre of ground. Talk about cotton, it is not in the same class with tomatoes and such like.

Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Don't Know It.
How To Find Out.
Fill a bottle or common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; if it stains your linen it is evidence of kidney trouble; too frequent desire to pass it or pain in the back is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

What to Do.
There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills every wish in curing rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to hold water and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists in 50c. and \$1. sizes. You may have a sample bottle of this wonderful discovery and a book that tells more about it, both sent absolutely free by mail, address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper.

