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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

The campaign will cautiously begin in about a fortnight and both parties are getting ready for the fray. When the principal candidates have published their letters of acceptance the first guns will have been fired, and the fusillade will thereafter get lively. Both parties will undoubtedly open headquarters in New York City around Madison Square, with branches in this city whence the tone of partisan "literature" will be addressed and franked.

The President will return to Washington about the end of this month to gather up some loose ends of unfinished business. At Sagamore Hill he is obtaining some rest in the midst of busy days for the entire family, himself and Mrs. Roosevelt, the four boys and Miss Ethel rise with the sun and go to bed with the chickens. The President hunts, and walks and rides and sleeps out-of-doors occasionally, and boxes with the boys and plays golf and tennis. Fishing is too slow for him.

The ladies of the Cabinet are somewhat scattered. The Hitchcocks are in New Hampshire. Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Payne are enduring the rigors of a Washington July, and will probably tarry into August. They manage to make life endurable by taking a week-end trip to Old Point Comfort or Virginia Beach. Secretary Shaw, accompanied by his daughters, left Washington Sunday for the Thousand Islands and the New England resorts. Mrs. Shaw and Mr. Earl Shaw will remain in their Massachusetts Avenue home. Mrs. Metcalf still lingers in California, where she has a delightful home in Oakland. She will come here in December and resume life at the Arlington, knowing well the trials and tribulations of getting and keeping good servants for housekeeping. Mrs. Paul Morton and her daughter Pauline are spending July at "Arbor Lodge" the handsome Morton property near Nebraska city. Mrs. Morton will take a house at the West end, possessing that large private income which is rather necessary to social success in Washington.

The real status of Paul Morton, the new member of the Cabinet is yet to be determined. His refusal to succeed Mr. Cortelyou and the announcement which he made when he was appointed Secretary of the Navy, that he would occupy the place only nine months, caused a shrugging of shoulders and a raising of brows in political circles. He still retains his position as President of the Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, and is merely on a 9 months' leave of absence in Washington. The President's purpose in calling him to the position is inscrutable for he knows absolutely nothing of its duties, and is not trying to learn any-

thing. Indeed, he could not learn the rudiments in a year unless his familiarity with prairie schooners might be considered preparation. Of course the labors of a Cabinet officer can be, as they are in the case of Hitchcock, merely perfunctory and performed by hired subordinates. But the President ought not to be a party to such a definition and it looks now as if Mr. Morton took the position remembering that the administration might change in 9 months, and that the important portfolio was carelessly tossed to him as a kind of political souvenir without the expectation that he would do any work.

The case of Charles Emory Smith was entirely similar. He was made Postmaster-General for his social and newspaper prestige when the President knew that he took not the slightest interest in his work and allowed it all to be done by his bureau chiefs. It was too much of a risk to run on the part of both. What a sorry figure, indeed has Charles Emory Smith cut since the revelation of the Post Office frauds!

Republican newspapers are greatly afflicted in their minds in calling certain uncomplimentary language which Col. Bryan is alleged to have uttered concerning Judge Parker previous to the St. Louis convention. They no doubt fear the disparagement points to permanent alienation between these two gentlemen. They worry unnecessarily. Let them possess their souls in patience. Large minds do not cherish grievances forever. If they did, what sort relation would exist between Platt and Odell? Or between Spooner and La Follette? Or between Roosevelt and Grovernor? Since the nomination of Judge Parker Col. Bryan has appeared only in the role of a magnanimous and patriotic statesman.

Is Mr. Secretary Loeb large enough for this place? Even if he conducted himself politely and prudently in peremptorily refusing the interview with the President requested by the Miner's committee, which does not seem certain—did he reverse the engine and take the back track diplomatically? The next day the Miners telegraphed asking once more for an interview. Mr. Loeb jumped at the chance and exclaimed in reply "Many thanks for your telegram!" Why "many thanks?" Why need the President emotionally express his gratitude to men asking an interview? It is not virtually saying "Yes; I was wrong yesterday and you don't know how tickled I am to set myself right. Many thanks for the way out!" Is this the same Mr. Loeb by the way who made the mess about the Lipton dinner and who in the president's name accepted many presents and then declined a little silk flag made by a little girl?

"The strenuous life he fol-

lowed with might and main, Strained at a flag and swallowed a railroad train!"

Professor Cook of the Agricultural Department reports from Texas that the red ant from Guatemala is attacking and destroying the cotton boll weevil in great shape and justifying lively hopes of its future usefulness.

## BRUTALLY TORTURED.

A case came to light that for persistent and unmerciful torture has perhaps never been equaled: Joe Golobick of Colusa, Calif., writes, "For 15 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 greatest medicine on earth for that trouble. A few bottles of it completely relieved and cured me." Just as good for liver and kidney troubles and general debility. Satisfaction guaranteed by M. B. Blackburn.

A special from the Esophagus to the New York World gives this cheering news; "The congratulatory letters come in increasing volume, and the remarkable thing about them is the large proportion which come from Republicans. Mr. Roosevelt would be surprised did he know the names of some of the signers of these letters. They indicate a large vote for Judge Parker from conservative, peace-loving Republicans. Many of the writers would not object to the use of their names, but Judge Parker thought it better for obvious reasons, not to give their names for publication."—News & Observer.

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The Boston Herald has an editorial about a yard long on "The President's Silence." Here is a mystery that beats a detective story and in literary treatment possesses rich possibilities.—Constitution.

Roosevelt and Parker. Baltimore Sun.

Judge Parker is put forward by his party as the antithesis of the present President of the United States, who is also the nominee of his party for the term beginning March 4, 1905. Mr. Roosevelt, it is alleged by his political opponents is aggressive and impetuous to the point of rashness. On the other hand, Judge Parker is said to be cautious and conservative and in all matters guided by reason and judgement. Mr. Roosevelt, it is alleged is swayed by impulse. The Democratic nominee, it is claimed by his supporters, has pre-eminently the judicial spirit, and would make a truly judicial Magistrate. Mr. Roosevelt's opponents allege that he has the characteristics of the militarist and absolutist. Judge Parker they say, would be guided solely by the constitution. He is not a man of war, but a man of peace. While he would uphold the nation's honor and insist upon the recognition of its rights he would never hurt for trouble. In the Democratic view the contrast between the candidates for the presidency will operate in favor of the man who stands for cool judgement, reverence for the constitution, fraternal feeling between North and South, friendly relation with all powers of the world, no policy of adventure in Asia, but development of the nation's domestic resources.

President Roosevelt has a distinct advantage over Judge Parker in that his views upon every question of national policy are well known. Whatever may be said of Mr. Roosevelt's impulsiveness the fact remains that he has many elements of strength regardless of the policies with which he is identified. He is young, vigorous, plain-spoken. He has proved his masserful quality by controlling the ablest politicians of his party and compelling them to give him a unanimous nomination. His virility is not displeasing to a great number of Americans certainly not to many of the young men of the nation. That he will poll the strength of his party is hardly to be doubted. Even if some of the Republican politicians do not like him, as has been intimated because of his vigorous methods of dealing with them, it is not to be assumed that they will be disloyal to him on election day. Self interest will keep them in their line.

The election next Nov. will be decided not by the votes of strict partisans, but by ballots of men who have the courage and discrimination to vote independently. These men are not found in the camp of every party, but they hold the balance of power between the parties. Mr. Cleveland owed his election in 1884 and again in 1892 to the support of independent voters in doubtful States. The Democratic party, with

a candidate of Judge Parker's ability and conservatism may appeal now with a better chance of success to the independent voter than at any time since 1892. It has now, what it has not had in 12 years a possibility of winning. So long as the Democratic party was controlled by its most radical elements there was no hope of establishing an effective opposition to the majority party. Without such an opposition no restraints could be imposed upon the party in power. The Democracy is now a foe with which the Republican party must reckon.

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