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## Our Washington Letter.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28, '95.—The statement made in this correspondence several weeks ago, that President Cleveland was not and would not be a candidate for a third term, was this week corroborated by members of the cabinet. Your correspondent has no desire to spring the I-told-you-so gag on your readers, but he cannot forbear saying that when he made the statement, and that he never makes positive assertions on anything less stable than a rock bottom foundation. Anybody can say that but you just keep tab on this paper and see if it isn't strictly true in this case, just as it has been in the past.

President Cleveland's position, according to those who have heard him express his sentiments, in regard to the next Democratic Presidential nomination is just about what would be that of any other man of strong will and convictions occupying his position. He believes it necessary to the welfare of the Democratic party and of the country that the man nominated for president by the democrats should carry out a fixed policy, which he has already indicated, and in order to be sure that no mistake is made he wishes to have a hand in naming the candidate. Wouldn't you if you were in his place? Wouldn't any aggressive man? Of course there are democrats who differ from President Cleveland. That is a privilege he has always conceded to every democrat. His plan and that of his opponents will go before the democratic national convention, which will in its wisdom decide which shall guide the democratic party through the next campaign, and to that decision all good democrats, regardless of their present opinions will bow. Let all the fighting inside the party be done between now and the assembling of the national convention, to elect delegates in accordance with your views; after a majority of those delegates have agreed upon a platform and two-thirds of them upon a ticket, let the fighting all be against a common enemy, and for that platform and that ticket.

Secretary Lamont's generally acknowledged political sagacity causes his opinions to be highly valued when given, which is seldom. It has pleased many democrats to learn that he has expressed the belief that ex-Secretary William G. Whitney, of New York, would be the strongest man the democrats could nominate for President, and that he could easily defeat any candidate the republicans could put up. It has been known for some time that the republicans were very much afraid of Whitney and that they would do anything they could to prevent his nomination. New York republicans visiting Washington have said that in their opinion no member of the party could carry New York against Whitney, and New York democrats are positive that it could not be done by anybody.

State Department officials will not discuss the Waller case, but there are good grounds for the belief that the reason Waller is still in a French prison serving out a sentence of twenty years imposed on him by French Court Martial in Madagascar, on a charge of having betrayed the movements of French troops against the natives, is that this government has no justifiable ground for interfering in the case. Waller is a negro who was for a time U. S. Consul in Madagascar. After retiring from office against his will, he remained on the island and engaged in business, and some say, although his lawyer has denied it, that he went so far as to acquire citizenship there.

Some people have allowed themselves to become frightened by the statement that Louisiana would become a republican State if Comptroller Bowler decides, after hearing the arguments which are to be made this week, the original sugar bounty clause of the McKinley law is to be held unconstitutional, and declines to approve the payment of the money appropriated by the last Congress to pay deferred sugar bounties. In order to get the opinion of one who is in a position to know, Judge Thos. J. Semmes, of New Orleans, who is in Washington to assist the Louisiana Congressional delegation in arguing in favor of the constitutionality of the sugar bounty, was asked if there was any probability of Louisiana becoming a republican State. The old gentleman's eyes flashed as he said with vigor and emphasis: "Never, sir, never; while there was some revision of feeling and discontent during the first part of Mr. Cleveland's present administration, the return of good times has removed it all, and the State may always be counted where she belongs—in the good old democratic camp." Members of the Congressional delegation characterized the statement as a slander upon the democrats of the State.

**Co-Education.**  
*Lady Henry Somerset in Journal of Education.*  
"Closely related to the movements that occupy our thought is one which in the United States has been worked out to an assured success—and that is co-education. It is my deliberate conviction, that for the hysteria into which so many men and women novelists have fallen, and for the keyed-up public mind that is willing to exploit their product, there is no remedy so sane and sound as the education of our young people together, from the kindergarten until they complete their course in the technical or professional schools.

## About the Lease and Re-Lease of the N. C. Railroad.

Pittsboro Record.

The lease, or rather the renewal of the lease, of the North Carolina railroad is now under consideration and discussion. It is a matter of very great importance and should receive very serious and careful consideration. It seems premature and imprudent at this time to renew this lease, or make a new one, six years before the existing lease expires.

But if it should be considered best for the State that the road should be again leased at an early day, of course no lease should be made without due public notice, so that the best terms possible may be secured.

The State owns a controlling interest (\$3,000,000 in stock) in the North Carolina Railroad Company, and on the 12th day of September, 1871, the road was leased to the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company for 30 years at \$260,000 a year. This lease therefore will expire on the 12th day of September 1901. A few facts in regard to this lease may be of interest to the younger generation, which has grown up since it was made, for there was much criticism of it at the time it was made. Indeed it was such a surprise to the public and some of the circumstances connected with it were so secret and suspicious that a legislative investigation of the whole matter was made. The State's directors were all republicans, appointed by Gov. Holden, of whom Col. W. F. Henderson, of Lexington, is the sole survivor, and Hon. Wm. A. Smith (known as "Blow Your Horn Billy") was the president of the company. The legislature (which was democratic) at its first session after the lease was made, appointed a committee of three senators and five representatives to investigate fully into all matters connected with the lease and especially whether or not "any money or other consideration had been paid, or agreed to be paid to any person for the purpose of procuring the lease."

This committee made an investigation and reported fully at the session 1871-'72, the report being signed by Senators John W. Graham, J. M. Worth and J. A. Gilmer, and by representative E. B. Withers. This report is too long to copy here, but it shows that the lease had been made without any advertisement or public notice, and indeed no notice had been given even to the directors of the particular object of the meeting (Sept. 12th, 1871,) which had been called for the purpose of making the lease. The whole matter appears to have been arranged by President Smith, and the directors merely ratified his action. And now comes the very suspicious part of the proceedings, for the committee's report states that "all the witnesses examined deny any knowledge of any consideration, paid or understood or agreed to be paid, except Maj. Smith, who states that he could not answer as it might lead to questions implicating himself. In this we believe lies the true secret of the lease." The committee's report sets forth in full the question propounded President Smith, which is in the following words:

"Do you know of any sum of money or any other consideration whatever having been paid or promised to be paid to any person in this State or out of it for the purpose of securing the lease of the North Carolina Railroad or in any way connected with said lease?"

This question Maj. Smith declined to answer because, as he alleged, "the answer might criminate him or lead to information that would criminate him." The committee commenting on this refusal to answer, very properly reported as follows: "When a public servant cannot answer all the questions touching his connection with any transaction affecting the interests committed to his charge, it is not unfair to conclude that his own interests rather than the State and Company have been taken care of." No further attempt

was made to force Maj. Smith to answer, because the committee reported "that the Legislature cannot rightfully compel a disclosure."

All this may be termed "ancient history," but it is one of the many incidents, happening during republican misrule in North Carolina, that should warn our people from again entrusting our State government to the control of that party or its allies!

**Alleged Fun.**  
"What would you do without doctors?" "Well we might get along but what would the druggist do?"  
He (pleading)—Would you love me if I were rich? She—I can't say as to that, but I'd probably marry you.  
An Iowa publisher acknowledges the receipt of an egg which was laid on our table by Rev. Mr. Smith.—Puck.  
"He is constant in his attention and seems to be a perfect gentleman, but I detest him." "And yet he is a man after your own heart."  
Mabel—My father was a remarkably handsome man. Edith—Dear me, what a plain woman your mother must have been.  
He—Will you give me one kiss? She—If I let you have one will you be satisfied? He—Never! She—Then take it.—Detroit Tribune.  
He—Music hath charms to soothe a savage. She—You wouldn't think so if you had heard papa's remarks the other night after you had been singing.  
"What delicious mince pies you have, Mrs. Nuvvo! I'd like to see your recipe," said the guest. "They aren't paid for yet," said Mrs. Nuvvo, meekly.—Judge.

## The Political Rivalry of Alf and Bob.

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"A good story is told concerning the famous campaign between Bob and Alf Taylor for the Tennessee Governorship a few years since," said Colonel Wm. A. Henderson. "Bob foresaw that he would surely defeat Alf in the race, and so, to add zest to the debate, he invented a fable, which he told at Alf's expense. It was this: On one occasion a coon who was very thirsty came to a well from which the water had to be drawn by a bucket attached to either end of a rope, on a windlass. The coon fell on the plan of getting into the empty wet bucket, and by means of his own weight descending to the water below.

"Once down in the well it dawned upon Mr. Coon that there was no way by which he could raise himself out of the well. While pondering over the problem, he espied an opossum at the mouth of the well. "Come down and get a drink," said Mr. Coon to Mr. Opossum. "Thank! I believe I will," and the opossum entered the empty bucket at the top of the well. As he started down the coon started up, and as the buckets passed midway of the well the coon remarked:

"The world goes round and round, And some go up and some go down."  
"Bob won in the race. On election night he telegraphed this couplet to Alf, as a greeting over the route. Four years went by, and Bob wound up his last term as governor, and retired from the arena of public life. At the same time Alf was triumphantly elected to congress from the first Tennessee district. On election night he telegraphed Bob:

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## Good Advice.

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"Yes I can," was the response. "I will give you a piece of advice. You know that in every town in England, no matter how small, in every village or hamlet, there is a road leading to London. Just so with every text you choose to preach from, they will have a road leading to Jesus. Be sure that you find it, and follow it. Be careful not to leave it once. This is my advice to you.

The old minister's advice should be followed by every one who in any capacity presumes to be a teacher of Divine truth.

## Rules For Success in Farming.

1st. Never purchase land on credit, unless it be in a new country in which values rise rapidly.  
2nd. Keep no more live stock than you can keep in good condition.  
3rd. Never allow your stock to suffer from cold by housing them in open buildings. Comfortable quarters saves one fourth of the food.  
4th. If your farm is so large that you can not cultivate all of it to advantage, nor keep it well fenced, sell a part and put the money on interest. You will save a great deal of care and avoid much trouble and make more money if all it were planted and poorly cultivated.  
5th. Keep none but the best implements, of which you should take good care. When not in use keep them from exposure to weather and rust.  
6th. Always keep stable or lot work on hand for a rainy day. For this purpose it is better to provide a suitable work shop. Rainy days properly employed would result in the greatest profit. Good farmers never will lack for work.  
7th. When a piece of work needs being done, do it now; and when you do it, do it well.

## Bits of Information.

A good way to enlarge the farm is to use the same land twice each season.  
Study and practice, like butter and bread, are neither of them satisfactory if used alone.  
To sow turnip seed evenly, mix a pound of it with a peck of fine sand and distribute carefully by hand.  
Don't despise the hog. Many a farmer has ridden out of a swamp of debts upon the back of his corn-fed swine.  
The surplus plants are weeds while above ground but are so much fertilizer when turned under with a plow or hoe.  
Tears shed over spilled milk are of no use to fill the empty pail, but the time that some people waste that way would almost buy another cow.  
Nitrate of soda is a very handy article to keep on hand to use in forcing along the late planted crops. Pound it fine and then be careful not to use too much.  
Steady grumblers are like the old horse that acquired the habit of shaking his head and switching his tail in fly time so at last he kept up the motion all the year around.  
To watch the growth of a good flourishing crop or thrifty animal is the true farmer's most solid pleasure, while the man who grows poor products gets neither pleasure or profit.  
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