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WEEKLY WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 17, '96. Senator Jones, of Ark., who was chosen by Mr. Bryan to be chairman of the Democratic National Committee, returned to Washington this week. He brought with him an immense stock of confidence which he is freely distributing among the Democrats. He refuses to consider the election of Bryan he replied : "Not in the least. Sewall." Why should we? It will not carry any state, and the only votes it will get will be of those democrats who would otherwise vote for McKinley or else go fishing. It may be called an independent ticket. It's convention would not be representative of the democratic party, because the democratic party, called ogetherin National convention by its National cammittee has already acted No one has any authority to call a democratic convention, No, the threat, if it may be called one, of certain gentleman to hold another convention has no terror. I understand that several administration officials refuse to support the nomince of the democratic convention. They have never been with us. The fact that they are not with us now is not astonishing." Secretary Herbert was probably one of the officials Senator Jones referred to, as he is credited with having said that he would not vote for Bryan

and Sewalli. democrats of each district know Cecilia was found, with its severed what they are about, and we will not question their selection. It will make no difference to us what the platform may be upon which election of Bryan and Sewall, nor about their carrying his own State, of which he said : "I think West Virginia will be carried by free silver. I believe that the sentiment throughout the State is overwhelmingly in favor of it. In my own county I know personally of republican votes that we will get with our platform, i I think the same condition exists in other counties in the State. We will hold our State convention August 12th, and will nominate a State ticket upon a silver

be for silver." The Congressional committee has already placed large orders for Mr. contains eight pages of interesting stready placed large orders for Mr. matter every week. Send one dol- Bryan's speeches in Congress, in lar and get it for a whole year. A order to be able to fill orders promptsample copy will be mailed free on ly for them, which have already begun to come in. Among the other documents selected by the committee for campaign use are speeches by Senators Daniel, Jones, of Ark., you must not miss seeing. You The North Carolinian and THE and Cockerell; on the income tax collect your scant Italian vocabulary ALAMANCE GLEANER will be sent by Representative McMillin and Ex- and inquire what is the attraction-

anism and the Marquette statue.

same view of the situation, one of who ought to know say the convenwhom told him that he would not will either endorse Bryan and Sewbe surprised to see silver carry every all or will nominate them outright. state outside of New England. He It is certain that the silver convenwas asked if he feared the nomina- tion, to be held at the same time tion of a gold democrat ticket, and and place, will be for Bryan and

EUROPEAN LETTER.

rom Our Special Correspondent. Rome, Italy, June 16, 1896.—A risit to the Catacombs is one of the inevitable duties of the traveller here, no matter how little time he may find for anything else. It is indeed of unfailing interest to all sorts and conditions of tourists, from the student of history or the archeologist to the man who is "doing" Europe in five weeks, and who decides to give forty-eight hours to the Eternal City. The latter, it is true, is disinclined to waste time on the Catacombs, being under the impression that we have mines and tunnels in America which are as interesting and more practical; but he comes because some one has told him that they must be seen; nor does he feel that his time has been

wasted when he returns. First there is the drive along the Via Appia, where careful eyes may find some of the original stones, placed long before the era of Chris-Schafor Faulkner, of W. Va., tianity. Even the unimaginative chairman of the Democratic Con- must think of the feet that have gressional Campaign Committee, be- passed over them-from triumphal lieves that the democrats can processions of Casar and Titus to capture the House this year and is the weary tramp of fettered slaves; determined that it shall not be the not to mention the distinct vision fault of the committee if they do that arises of the little group of disnot. He says . "The province of ciples who went to meet Paul as far this committee will be to aid the as Appii Forum and the Three election of any candidate for Con- Taverns, and came back with him gress upon the regular democratic to Rome. Then when you have ticket. We have nothing whatever reached the garden that surrounds to do with the nominations for Con- the entrance to the Catacombs of gress, and will take no part in the St. Calixtus (there are several rivals, contests for them. After the can- but this is the most popular) you didates ar- selected, however, it will climb down into the dark parsages, be our business, and we will see to you decipher the inscriptions made it that all the aid possible is given by the early Christians who found for the election of those candidates. a hiding place here; you gaze at the We will take it for granted that the spot where the body of gentle St. neck; you listen with rising hair to the story of the tourist who was separated from the rest of his party, and who wandered helplessly in candidates are selected." Senator these miles of labyrinth for days Faulkner has no doubt about the and who was never found again, or according to some ver-ions, was finally discovered in an imbecile condition. This is always related, and makes you clutch your waxen taper more tightly and follow closely the foot te s of the guide until you emerge blinded into the outer light. It is a relief to come back to safe common places; to buy chocolate from the Trappist monks and talk to the two or three who are allowed to break their vow of silence : and who apparently enjoy the immunity conversing volubly in sevmight have been a model for Carlo salt Doci) is known as "the Beautiful Brother" among the gushing American girls, and they esteem it a great favor to have him for their guide in

the subterrunnean passages. On the way back the driver al-

National Association of Democratic be crucified again, in thy stead," was the answer. The apostle re There is reason to believe that a turned at once to suffer martyrdom, bold attempt is to be made to pre- and the scene of the vision is comvent the populist convention, which | memorated by the impress of will be held at St. Lous next week, Christ's feet on the stone much the endorsing Bryan and Sewall. Agents same story that is told in other of those interested in having the countries of Mohammed and of the populists put up a ticket of their angel Gabriel. In this case, howown for the purpose of dividing the ever, incredulity is excusable. The silver vote are reported to have in- stone is uncovered (after you have timated to leading populists that paid for the privilege of seeing it) any price they might name would with much formality and reverence; be paid for a failure on the part of there are the outlines of the two and Sewall other than an absolute the convention to endorse Bryan feet; but the observant can distincertainty, and he says he knows and Sewall and the nomination of a guish the marks of toenails, leaving prominent republicans who take the straight populist ticket. Those one to infer that the bungling artist designed the same on the bottom of the feet.

Another chapel, further out, on the supposed site of Paul's execution, is called the church of the Three Fountains. A bare-footed friaf explains that as the head of the apostle fell from the axe, it rebounded three times. At every spot where it touched the earth a spring of water arose. If the skeptic doubts this piece of history, the ingenuous monk says, with an expressive gesture "But do you not see the springs?"



The Fine-Tooth Comb in Crop Cultivation.

The contest is still on between the

old-fashioned and the new-fashioned cultivation of coarse crops. The old fashion says: "You can't make me believe that your newfungled weeders and smoothing harrows'can tell the difference between a corn plant and a weed." The new fashion retorts: "Your dull hoe and soddy corn rows drove the boys off the farm." It is a sort of guerilla warfare upon the out-posts of the two systems. The sober seeker after truth would like to see the real issues joined, for he is tender both of his back and of his plants. The impartial student of the question will find that the newfangled machine does not distinguish between species of plants, but it does have a brutal respect for strength, and will tear out the hairlike tendril of a just-sprouted weed but leave unharmed the deeper rooted corn or potato plant. But it will leave the weed if once well established; therefore "early and often" is a by-law of the process. On the other hand, if the smoothing barrow or weeder can scrape along a piece of sod, a flat stone, or an old corn stub, it appears to enjoy the destruction of a young corn plant equally with the crow or chipmunk. A clean surface in preparing for the crop is therefore another necessity of successful use of the new corn culture. With these things in mind the new method can be made a great improvement on the old, by any farmer.

Cucumber Pickle.

Cor. H 'me and Farm. Do not make a brine for cucumbers-they are about one-half water, and plenty of salt will extract sufficient water to make a strong brine. When you are beginning to fill a vessel with cucumbers, put in one-half pint of water only; never more, if you would fill a five gallon measure. Alternate layers of

and cucumbers very near the top, then put on a clean white cloth of heavy folded goods, and, lastly a stone china plate will keep the cumbers under the brine. After filling your jar, examine them from the bottom about ways stops at a little church and ex- twice before the month expires; and plains that this is something that throw in a pint of salt undissolve l. When you wish to make up pickles Mules for Farming.

There is very much unnecessary prejudice against the mule. It exsts among those who have had little or no experience with this creature. He is not an extravagant eater in the first place. His preference is for the cheaper provender and a very moderate quantity of corn and oats. He is built for work, in that his looks do not suggest any aristocratic tendencies. Unaverage horse.

complishes more in a day of heavy ed by its advocates. work than the average horse team. No animal endures drugery so well. a mule team is very reliable in every essential requirement. A 'level head" and more than "horse sense'' is characteristic of this faithful brute. With many years' ex- the party and the country. perience with them on a farm the

certainly be advantageous to the of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. general breeding in interest if more of the horse stock be bred to pro-

other generation of horses may do.

Best Grain Feeds for Quality and Quantity of Butter. Home and Farm.

Mr. J. D. Smith in Hoard's Dairyman says: "Some years ago I was called upon to answer, through the press, this same question, what grain feeds are best for the rule of the Republican party, quantity and quality of butter? This was before much cotton seed was fed in this locality. My answer was: Wheat feed and corn meal. Grain foods have multiplied since, but I still answer for quality ly revolution can accomplish its nothing exceeds sweet wheat feed (I ground oats and corn meal. We do not feed many oats on account of the increased cost. For quantity, one part cotton seed meal added, I believe an advantage, besides it adds to the manurial value of the ration.

"Three parts good wheat bran, one each of corn meal and cotton seed, by weight, I consider a good summer ration, but would not have the cotton seed exceed one to one and a half pounds per day." think for "cotton seed" in these last lines, we have better read "cotton seed meal." for that is what I think Mr. Smith means. It would be better if writers would call it "cots smay be benefited; all whose interton meal" and leave the word seed to be used only where the seed is to be fed. There is a vast difference between feeding cotton seed and feeding cotton seed meal as every

Southern feeder knows. It is quite refreshing to read once more some good homely advice about feeding cows without any display of scientific fireworks. Here are three or four good farm feeds, cotton seed meal, corn meal, oat meal and bran. Each man can mix them to suit his own judgment or rather the cow's judgment, for it is to her final decision we must all come at last. Mix these then to the capitalists, the day laborer can please the cow, so that she will do the best work she is capable of, and you will then be a true scientific feeder, whether you know it or not.

How dear to our hearts is the old soak cucumbers in cold water from silver dollar, when some kind sub-3 to 5 days, changing water every scriber presents it to view-the lib-Representive Wike, and Represent- the building is small and looks al- day. When free from salt, pour erty head without necktie or collar, ative Fitzgerald's speech on sectari- most as much like a wayaide inn as over them weak alum water boiling, and all the strange things which a place of worship. This is the hot. Third day pour on strong seem to be so new: the wide apread-Accorning to present indications, church of "Domine Quo Vadis" vinegar, boiling hot, and fourth day ing eagle, the arrows below it, the the number of Democratic Clubs, and here, according to ecclesiastical fill up glass jars with encumbers stars and the words with the strange which will take part in this year's tradition, on one occasion when and spice to your taste; over which things they tell. The coins of our campaign will largely exceed that of Peter's courage failed him and he pour the last vinegar used in scald- fathers! We're glast that we know any previous campaign. In one was fleeing from Rome, Christ met ing the pickles. If you use apple it, for sometime or other 'twill come You should have a county day, this week, sixty applications him on the way. "Where goest vinegar of best braind, and set in a in right well—the spread engie dolfor charters for new clubs were re- thou Master?" asked Peter, whence cool, dark place, your pickies will lar, the star spangied dollar, that

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"The American took this position from honest conviction, and Continuous work seems to be a daily has maintained it, in the face of advantage. When worked steadily many difficulties and against an overwhelming majority of the Democrats of Tennessee, but at all times has it fought within the party lines and, as it believed, for the good of

"The time has now come, howwriter would prefer that on a farm ever, when the party, in National of a quarter sectionor. more, three- convention, has declared for these fourths of the teams should be measures of government which, in its united wisdom, seem best. With the great glut in the horse Among these measures is the free, narket. in recent years it would unlimited and independent coinage

There remains, the, to soundmoney Democrats, but one course duce mules for the next two or three to pursue, unless they would desert the party which, whatever its We may be sure that the mules mistakes have been, has always will not multiply themselves as an- honestly endeavored to represent the true interests of the whole people, in opposition to favoritism and concentration of power and wealth.

That course is to support loyally the nominee and platform adopted Ar Greenston by the majority of the party, and to work with strength, courage and singleness of purpose to prevent the country from being brought under which, should it again entrench itself within the stronghold of governmental power, will carry on its policy of centralization, favoritism and corruption to a point where ondownfall.

With strong hope for success at the polls in November, and unshaken belief that the power acquired by that success will be used carefully, conservatively, and with conscientious regard for the rights and welfare of all. The American unhesitatingly declares its loyal and unqualified support of the nominees and platform adopted at Chicago.

Amen !- So Let It Be,

Ashevillo Citizen

It will be a mighty struggle. All the beneficiaries of monopoly; most of the capitalized wealth of the owners of protected interests that want the many taxed that they, the few, ests lead them to favor an appreciating standard; together with those whose honest convictions lead them to oppose the policy of free silver, will be arrayed against the Democratic party from now till the evening of the 3d of November: But why further postpone the contest even if we could? It presses for settlement-a final settlemeut. No industrial interest so small but feels the necessity for a decision on this question. No income is so slight but that it will be affected by the votes of the people on this issue. The farm, the factory, the shop, stand anything better than the blighting effect of uncertainty as to the money that passes from hand to hand at every hour of the day. The time is ripe, the hour has struck. May the right win!

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