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### WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our regular correspondent.

Secretary Carlisle is daily proving himself to be the right man in the right place. He has not allowed himself to become anxious or excited during the financial flurry of the week, brought about, as he firmly believes, by a combine of bankers who are seeking by a renewed demand for gold for shipment abroad to force an issue of bonds. So firm is the Secretary in his belief that this is true that he politely, but positively, declined to accept an invitation extended him by New York City bankers to meet them in that town for the purpose of discussing the gold problem; he also, when it was suggested to him that the bankers would come to Washington to discuss the matter if he would invite them, declined to do so. For the U. S. Treasury to be run entirely independent of Wall Street men is something decidedly new, and compliments Secretary Carlisle are heard on all sides, from Republicans as well as from Democrats. One gentleman, a personal friend said: "Secretary Carlisle believes that Wall Street bankers have had entirely too much to say in the conduct of the financial department of the Government in the past, and that they are largely responsible for the present situation. Consequently he has no idea of taking them into his confidence to what he intends doing. He proposes giving them a needed lesson by showing them that all the financial ability is not congregated in Wall Street, and that they cannot dictate the country's financial programme." The firmness of Secretary Carlisle against an issue of bonds has already brought about a better condition of affairs, and it is believed that if those who wish to compel an issue of bonds become convinced that none will be issued the demand for gold for foreign shipment will soon resume its normal condition. The outlook is now considered much better than it was at the beginning of this week.

his week qualified as U. S. Ambassador to France, and today he left for New York, whence he will start for Paris.

Secretary Herbert left today for Hampton Roads. He will fly his flag from the Dolphin during the Naval Review and will accompany the international fleet to New York, where it will be met by President Cleveland and the rest of the Cabinet, and where the final exercises will take place.

### Disastrous Doctrine.

Murat Halstead, a Republican, teaches the doctrine that it is right for political parties to formulate platforms, simply to win votes and then after the election ignore them.

Mr. Halstead believes in a strong centralized government and has but little respect or concern for the masses of the people. His views about party platforms may appear right from his arbitrary, paternal government standpoint, but they nevertheless have a pernicious, disastrous, and dishonest tendency.

A party platform should be an honest declaration of principles, and not something designed to deceive and mislead the people. No plank should be inserted in a platform simply to catch votes. To do so is dealing dishonestly with the voters and totally contrary to those grand and sublime principles upon which our freedom as American citizens is founded.

National and political parties are simply aggregations of individuals. We have laws prescribing punishment for individual dishonesty. Why should it be right for an aggregation of individuals, and wrong for them separately, to act dishonestly?

### Gone to Pieces.

The utter demoralization of the Republican party in this city is simply astonishing. It has gone all to pieces, and, despite the frantic appeals of its organs to "re-organize," can not get together. It frequently happens that a defeated party grows stronger after election, but the Republican party is even weaker than it was last fall. It has not a majority in a single one of the thirty assembly districts of the city. From the Battery to Harlem the town is solidly Democratic. Even in the dark district, the eleventh, there is a Democratic majority. Scores of old-time Republicans have left the party, some of them having actually joined Tammany Hall; and every day brings more deserters to that party of sound ideas and good morals which is called Democratic.

And now the New York Times, which was once rabidly Republican, and then decidedly Mugwumpian, announces in clear new type that it too is Democratic. This is a valuable accession, for no newspaper in the land is more ably edited, and very few, if any, of the great dailies is as clean. The Times is beginning to print an occasional illustration, but the paper is not at all sensational and gives no indication that it will be. Though it is owned by new parties, its editorial management remains the same, and the fact that its former and present editor in chief is now one of its principal stockholders is a guarantee that it will maintain its dignified place in the front rank of the journals of the world.

But while the Times is to be a Democratic newspaper, it will not necessarily try to make the public believe that all Democrats are angels. No respectable journal North can do that. The leading Democratic papers in this section do not attempt to defend the rascals in the party. They are very much broader in this respect than the leading Republican journals, which do not hesitate to speak approvingly of Quay, for instance, and Davenport, and others like them, and to commend every act of a Republican administration, however rotten. And this is why the Democratic party North is constantly growing. It is the party of moral ideas in contradistinction to the party of immoral ideas, that is, the Republican party. In this city neither the Times nor the World is the servant of a faction; and the readers of the two papers can carry this State in any election. These journals, like the majority of the Democrats of the State, are opposed to one-man power. That is why they do not hesitate to criticize Mr. Croker's Tammany Hall and Mr. Hill's State Machine. They are ranged on the side of what is known to outsiders as the Cleveland Democracy, and

that Democracy is the backbone of the Democratic party in New York State. It is the only part of the party that is going to keep growing stronger, for it represents moral ideas.

### Kansas Women in Politics.

N. Y. Sun.

For some days the Kansas papers have been unusually interesting by reason of their report of the scenes of the late elections, when the women as well as the men of the State went to the polls to cast their ballots for the candidates whom they favored. We can say that the voting women were treated with the utmost courtesy in every town of the State, and that they demeaned themselves with perfect propriety everywhere. They seemed to be even more earnest than the men, and they voted according to their convictions; they were familiar with the principles involved in the elections, and they had a good knowledge of the record and the character of the rival candidates who asked for their support. In their choice of tickets they were governed less by sentiment than by judgment, and they displayed commendable independence in their choice. In the papers of a hundred towns we are told that wives voted against candidates supported by their husbands, and that even young ladies gave practical evidence that in politics they did not agree with their lovers. In one case a populist lass lost her beau by refusing to put a Republican ballot in the box; on the other hand, an old maid won a suitor by her enthusiasm for the Democratic party. There were plenty of incidents of this kind at the Kansas elections, and we gladly admit that not any of them has lessened our respect for the womanhood of the Sunflower State. In many places the result of the election was determined by the vote of the women. Nearly 20,000 of them went to the polls. The women did not give any special political favor to candidates of their own sex; in fact, we can not ascertain that more than one feminine mayor was elected in all the State, though seventeen women were majority candidates. Mrs. Pottor, who ran for mayor of Kansas City, is a millionaire, of pleasing manners, and famed for benevolence; yet, though there were nearly 4,000 voters of her sex, she got the ballots of only about 100 of them. Her politics did not suit her sisters. In several cities the vote of the women exceeded that of the men. It would be hard to explain why a majority of the women in most places stood up for the Republican party. Several women were elected to the office of Police Justice. A good many colored women were among the voters. Women stood around the polls electioneering. The election was held under the Australian system of voting, and the women knew how to mark and fold their tickets just about as well as the men. In some places the women went to the polls in squads of four, six, eight, or more. A woman's husband, brother, or son could often be seen accompanying her to the polls, both of them voters.

We have read with pleasure a stack of the Kansas papers in which the accounts of these elections have been printed. It would not now be an easy thing to take away from the Kansas women the great American privilege of voting. They hope to get full suffrage, so that they can vote at all State elections.

When the late Gen. B. F. Butler was in command in New Orleans a woman in that city applied to him for a pass through the Union lines that she might see her son, who was lying wounded in a house in the suburbs. Butler told her that she could have one if she would take the oath of allegiance. She refused to do this and argued long and earnestly against it, breaking into a flood of tears at length and exclaiming, "You do not know how I love my son." "Ah!" cried Butler with scathing emphasis, "but you love secession better."

The State capitol of Texas is the largest State building in the United States and the seventh in size among the buildings of the world. It is a vast Greek cross of red Texas granite with a central rotunda covered by a dome 311 feet high. It was begun in 1881 and finished in 1888, having cost about \$3,500,000. It was paid for with 3,000,000 acres of public land, deeded to the capitalists who executed the work.

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### Storms and Cyclones on All Sides.

Milwaukee, Wis., April 20.—Lake Michigan is being swept by one of the worst easterly gales experienced in years. The sea is running very high, and tugs are unable to venture out of the harbor. A small vessel is ashore at the head of Janeau avenue.

The worst feature of the gale at this port is the probable loss of 20 lives by the washing away of a house over the crib at the terminus of the new water works tunnel. No men were in sight at the time, but it is believed that they were swept away.

Fayetteville, Ark., Apr. 20.—At noon yesterday a cyclone passed through the valley just south of here, leaving a barren waste behind it. Many families were in the storm last night without shelter, their houses having been carried away. No lives are lost, as far as known, although a number of persons were injured.

Little Rock, Ark., April 20.—News was received here to-day of a fearfully destructive cyclone that swept down Fourche Valley a few days ago, leaving death and havoc in its wake. The town of Boles, 16 miles north of Dallas, was almost swept off the earth. It is known that several persons were killed.

Dennison, Tex., April 20.—A cyclone struck Kaney Hollows, 40 miles north of here, at midnight Tuesday night, tearing down several houses and injuring several persons, some probably fatally. Telegraphic communication was destroyed, and the Missouri, Kansas & Texas main line blocked by trees on the track. The storm cut a swath about 300 yards wide, laying big timbers to the ground. It is reported that one man was killed by hailstones.

Meridian, Miss., April 20.—A cyclone struck Pachuta, Miss., at 7 o'clock last night. Great damage was done to property, and it is feared several lives were lost. The same tornado struck De Soto, a town of 500 inhabitants, ten minutes later. The extent of the damage at this place is reported very great. All wires are down.

### Boston's Bridge Disaster Cases.

Statesville Landmark.

All the suits against the Richmond and Danville Railroad, growing out of the wreck at Boston's bridge, near Statesville, on the 27th of August, 1891, in which 22 persons were killed and 30 wounded, have been compromised. There were 13 of these cases in Ireddell Superior court, and the following amounts have been allowed in each case:

Death claims—J. C. Brodie, \$5,000; W. M. Houston, \$5,000; Chas. G. Webb, \$5,000; Miss Ophelia Polk Moore, \$2,000; Mrs. Susan Pool, \$2,000; Hugh K. Linster, \$2,000; A. Davis, \$1,200; Rev. J. M. Sikes, \$3,500.

Claims for injuries—J. F. Holler, \$2,000; Mrs. Naomi Hayes Moore, \$1,500; Miss Louallie Pool, \$1,500; O. W. Lawson, \$1,000; G. W. Bowley, \$1,000.

A number of suits were entered at Asheville, Salisbury, and other places. We understand that all of these have been compromised. It is said that A. L. Sink and wife, of Lexington, have been allowed \$5,000. We have not learned what amounts have been allowed in the other cases, but it is safe to say that the wreck, first and last, cost the company at least \$100,000.

### An Underground River of Iron Water.

While prospecting for water for the oil and fertilizer works, Mr. Knox, the engineer, struck a great underground stream of strong iron water, says the Charlotte News. It is located in the Bissell bottom lands, to the southwest of the city. By means of driven wells, it was found that the stream is 700 feet wide and 5 1/2 feet deep. It is 45 feet below the surface. Considerable interest has been excited in the discovery. The water is strongly impregnated with iron, but the surprising part about it is the immense volume of the stream. Very near this place is Dowd's iron spring.

### The Waldenses.

The Waldenses are a church or religious sect which arose under that name (called also Valdenses and Valdois) in northern Italy, in the twelfth century. They received the name Waldenses from Peter Waldus, their founder, a wealthy merchant of Lyons, who, about the year 1160, employed a certain priest to translate portions of the Scriptures from Latin into French.

After a careful study of these translations he saw how far the Romish Church had departed from the faith and practice of Christ and the Apostles. Shocked at the glaring errors of Rome, and led on by an ardent desire for his own salvation and that of others, Peter Waldus abandoned his mercantile pursuits, distributed his wealth among the poor, and forming an association of persons like-minded with himself, began publicly to instruct the multitudes in the doctrines and precepts of Christianity. They were real Protestants, protesting against nearly every form of Romish corruption. The sect spread rapidly, and they soon had societies in France, Lombardy, and other provinces in Europe. The government of their church was in the beginning committed to bishops, presbyters, and deacons.

They consider that the ministers should be poor, like the Saviour and his Apostles, and all followed some calling by which they secured a living. Their government has changed now—more in accordance with the Reformers, and they have a minister for each parish; their synods are presided over by a moderator.

They have suffered much persecution from the Romish Church on account of their pure faith. Many have fled into Bohemia and other parts of Europe for protection. They lay claim to a pure and unbroken succession from the Apostles. Their devotion to principle and their endurance for their faith have given them great distinction. They now occupy the valleys and foothills of the Alps on the Italian side, and under the present Italian government enjoy full liberty of conscience.

They are an industrious, thrifty people, of good morals and generally religious. As immigrants they are very desirable, and will be quite an acquisition to our State. Burke county is fortunate in having secured a large colony of them.—Exchange.

### Eclipse of the Sun.

The observations of the sun made at the Chilean observatory on Sunday is reported in the New York Herald to have been a splendid success. Prof. W. H. Pickering, an American astronomer, made the observations and reports results in the Herald of Monday. Photography was freely used. The observations were taken from the Andes mountains at the Harvard College station on Hina Aris. All the phases of the sun were clearly seen, there being no clouds or haze to disturb the observers. Fine photographs of the corona were taken. It was found that the sun was disturbed and there were bright torchlight streaks on the face of the great orb. Professor Pickering cables of the disturbances:

"To be more explicit the outer corona was unusually extended and much larger than in 1878 or 1889, as was to have been expected during the present period of increasing solar activity. The eclipse observations showed conclusively that the sun is now far from being quiescent, but is in a state of great disturbance. There were very distinct evidences of great spottedness and the presence of aurulae or bright, torch-like streaks. The color of the corona was rather whitish than red and of a pale or pearly white hue."

The lower house of the Kentucky Legislature has declared against the marriage of cousins on the ground that children of such marriages are frequently weak-minded.

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