

SECRETARY SHAW HAS HEARD SOMETHING.

When members of Grover Cleveland's cabinet took the stump in the campaign of 1896 they subjected themselves to severe and deserved censure for turning the business of their departments over to their subordinates and travelling around the country making stump speeches.

Secretary Shaw has already spoken in the Maine and Vermont campaigns, and is going to speak again. He will and he should be frequently heard during the next two months in various States.

It is stated that Secretary Shaw is going to devote himself largely to the tariff question and to questions about the Treasury Department which is fit and natural. Economic questions come within his appropriate province.

But now, if he is going to take a similar line, he is acquiring a better understanding. Why shouldn't he? There is here in the tariff question a question of principle which he must not accept.

The Press is a paper which stands very close to the Administration and hence may have felt that some defence was necessary for sending cabinet members out on the hustings, where Mr. Roosevelt will be shortly.

Mr. Shaw may understand his business, and the fact that he is Secretary of the Treasury may give him some prestige and add to the effectiveness of his speeches, because he speaks as one of the inner circle, and as by authority, but that does not put him above playing a very ordinary kind of politics, from going ahead or taking water, as the politics in the case may suggest.

G. B. PATTERSON WON.

After an all-day and all-night contest, and a very warm one from the start, the Congressional convention which met in Fayetteville Wednesday morning closed its work by the nomination of Mr. Gilbert B. Patterson, of Robeson county, who on the 310th ballot received 174 8-10 votes, and was declared the nominee of the Democracy of the Sixth Congressional District.

While in common with the hosts of Mr. Bellamy's friends, and those who stood by him so earnestly to the end, we regret his defeat, like him and his friends and the delegates who went to Fayetteville and manfully fought for him, we loyally accept the decision of that convention, composed of representative men and Democrats of the district, and will give Mr. Patterson the same unfaltering, loyal support that we would give Mr. Bellamy if the convention had conferred the honor upon him, who so well and ably represented this district in his first and second terms.

While Mr. Patterson is to be congratulated on his victory, Mr. Bellamy has reason to feel proud of the devotion of his friends as shown in their zeal for his renomination and in the splendid vote he received from the first to the last of the 310 ballots, a testimonial of the high esteem in which he is held, and a recognition of his faithfulness and of the ability with which he represented his people.

Mr. Patterson is a lawyer of ability, and popular where known, as shown by his strong support in a convention where he had three distinguished and popular men to contest the honors with him. Now the dominion of the convention and of the Democracy of the district he will receive from every Democrat the loyal support he would give to his first choice.

When W. O. Garrison, county collector of Cumberland county, N. J., became a defaulter and skipped with \$25,000, he showed due consideration for his bondsmen, by taking the bond away with him, and there is no record to show who the bondsmen are.

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It is reported that in and about Shenandoah, in the anti-slavery country of Pennsylvania, there are about 17,000 Lithuanians, 8,000 Poles, 3,000 Ruthenians, 1,000 Slovaks and 300 Bohemians. Perhaps it is not surprising that some of these men are found lacking in law and order.

A Thing of the Past.

The town crier is a thing of the past, but medical methods as old and as obsolete as the town crier still prevailed in many a country town. Women suffering from womanly diseases shrink from the offensive examinations, delicate questions, and obnoxious local treatments.

"You have my heart-felt thanks for the kind face you set me," writes Mrs. Florence Archer, of Mason, Mason Co., Tenn. "Worlds in pain to express what I feel. The awful pain I had to endure each month, no longer can I say that I was cured. I have all my ailments, distress in my stomach, backache, headache, dizziness in my head, all left behind me. I am now in perfect health and health has taken the place of all my troubles. It was the best medicine on earth—Dr. Pierce's Prescription. I have been cured of my ailments, and I am now in perfect health and health has taken the place of all my troubles."

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Laurinburg Exchange: Cotton is beginning to open very rapidly, and it is now looking as though the crop will be gathered in less than a month. We are informed that the crop has failed very much during the past two weeks and in some sections the loss is estimated at 10 per cent.

Bookkeeping Anglo-Saxon: Of the four prisoners who are now in jail awaiting trial at the next term of court one is a preacher, Rev. Charles Little, colored. Deputy Sheriff W. H. Parks, of the local police, charged him with the murder of a woman named Mrs. Little. He brought him to jail to await trial.

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A CASE OF IDENTITY.

The postmaster at Clayton at the time I wrote of and for two years past was a single man, thirty-five years old, named Henry Day. He made his home with a widow named Martin, who had three children. As postmaster he was known to every man, woman and child for five miles around, and you would say that his identity could be proved above any other man's.

Did any one doubt the money? Was there the slightest reason to suspect that he could be mistaken? She had seen him and heard his voice. So he had taken a freight train which passed Clayton at 1 o'clock a. m., and the station agent had even spoken to him. As he was the only passenger, the conductor and two brakemen could fully identify him.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKS.

STAR OFFICE, August 21. SPIRITS TURBENTINE—Nothing doing. ROBIN—Nothing doing. CRUDE TURBENTINE—Market firm at \$1.40 per barrel for hard, \$2.50 for dip, and \$2.50 for virgin.

MARKET FIRM ON A BASIS OF 8 3/4 PER CENT FOR MIDDLING. Quotations: Ordinary 6 3/4, Good ordinary 7 3/4, Middling 8 3/4, Good middling 9 1/16.

FINANCIAL MARKETS. NEW YORK, August 21.—Money on call was steady at 9 3/4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4 1/2 per cent.

ARRIVED. British steamship Tuska, 1,969 tons, Smith, Baltimore, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

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