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CONGRESSMAN DINGLEY DOES NOT THINK HARRISON WILL BE A CANDIDATE.

THE REPUBLICAN PROGRAMME.

The Money Question to be the Issue in the Next Campaign .- The Free Silver men, Mr. Dingley Says, Will be Heard From but his Party Will do Nothing to Gain Them or any Other Faction -- Hopes the Income Tax Will be Declared Constitutional.

Staff Correspondence News and Observer. SOUTHERN PINES, N. C., March 25. I was standing in the veranda of the

gentlemen rode up, dismounted and walked into the hotel.

That is Congressman Dingley, of Maine," remarked the hotel proprietor, "and the other gentleman is his son,

Mr. Nelson Dingley, Jr."
"What!" I asked, "is Congressman Dingley here?"

"I caught up with the distinguished visitor in the office and presented my

"Ah! glad to see you," he remarked, "I am a newspaper man myself and am always glad to meet a member of the craft.

"How do you like Southern Pines," "I am delighted with the A asked. replied without hesitahe place," "and I find the climate here exceedingly pleasant, the atmosphere very conducive to a restora-tion of vitality after tires me and ceaseless work of many months. "How long will you remain, Mr.

Dingley ?" Well, sir, I shall probably be here a month yet. I came a fortnight ago, and am taking a much needed rest, and I feel that this delightful climate is building me up, and my family are also being

greatly benefitted."
"What are the signs of the times, Mr. Dingley?" I asked, after we had been seated on the veranda.

"I am convinced, sir, that the worst of the business depression is over, and that from now on we will have a slow but steady return to normal conditions in commercial and industrial affairs. I can see and read of great strides that you Southern people are making in industrial developments. New England is beginning to get busy again, and the country generally seems to be on the up grade.

"Are you talking polities?" Mr. Dingley. "No, sir; I think we had better leave

politics alone for a season. "But are not political questions and issues going to be very much discussed

during the next year, especially the money question?" I inquired.
"Oh, yes, I presume it will. So far as the money question is concerned that is not a political question, and should

really have no place in politics. It is a scientific question, pure and simple. It should be dealt with strictly from a scientific standpoint, and taken out of politics. If there exists a necessity for a change or reform, and I confess there is, it should come through a commission of scientific financiers, international in its make up, and with a thorough scientific knowledge of national and international

"What part is silver going to play in

the next campaign?"
"Oh, it will be heard from. There are enough wild advocates of free coinage at 16 to 1 to make a fuss, but such a policy cannot prevail against the better judg-ment of the sound money sentiment of the country. Legislation cannot restore silver to such value as will sustain the free coinage at this or any other ratio and maintain the parity between the two metals, except by international agree-ment, and even that would not accomplish it at any such ratio as 16 to 1, for the reason that the supply of silver is too abundant."

"Will your party attempt in its plat-form to pacify its free silver parties?" "Well, the free silver faction in the Republican party is confined to a few silver-mine owners in the West and the party will not depart from its belief in a sound, honest dollar to satisfy that or any other faction."
"What are the political probabilities

for '96?" I ventured to ask as the congressman was beginning to warm up on political matters.

"Well, sir, there were few things quite so uncertain in politics. Just now it looks like we will have but little diffi culty in electing a Republican President, but you can't tell what's going to hap-

pen"
"McKinley will likely be your candi-

date?" "Reed or McKinley with Allison as a possible compromise. Of course we people in Maine are for Mr. Reed and are anxious that he should win.

"You don't consider Ex-President

Harrison in the race?" "I do not, I hardly think he will be

oven a candidate." "Do you think an extra session of Congress probable, made so by the possible decision of the Supreme Court against the constitutionality of the income tax law?"

"I sincerely hope not, I believe myself that from a strict construction of the Constitution, the law is unconstitutional, but in matters of taxation the S preme court has heretofore allowed i self a little lattitude, and I hope it will do so in this instance, an adverse decision would necessitate an extra session, re-open the discussion of tariff and revenue taxation the financial and other questions, greatly disturb business and clog again the wheels of progress which are just beginning to move. For these reasons I hope the court will sustain the law."

"Is the law unpopular in your State?" "It has never been an issue there. A great number regard it as class legislation, but the matter has been very little

talked about or thought about in Maine. "Returning to the financial question," remarked Mr. Dingley, with a down Eastern - Protection - Republican smile playing around his penetrating eyes,

trouble has come because of a deficiency in the United States Treasury. Mr. Cleveland's bonds have been issued not so much to protect the gold reserve but to meet a deficiency, brought about by the operation of the new tariff law. Your party cut the tariff and imported liquors and beer, and other articles that are legitimate revenue raisers which brought about this deficiency and necessitated these bond issues.

'But didn't Mr. Cleveland have to issue bonds before this bill was a law? Indeed, is it not a fact that plates for a bond issue were already prepared when Mr. Harrison retired?" I asked.

This was a sort of a stunner, but the gentleman from Maine recovered after a few moments pause.

"Oh, yes, but only to protect the re-rve. It was getting uncomfortably close to the hundred million mark, and Secretary Foster was not going to let it Southern Pines Hotel to-day when two drop below that. Mr. Carlisle realizes now the mistake he made in letting this reserve be invaded and letting it fall the first time below a be invaded hundred million dollars. It would have been much easier to have maintained it, than it was to restore it after the fight was on, and the raid had begun."

Mr. Dingley is a pleasant gentleman. "Oh yes, his family have been here all the talks very, freely and don't seem to fear a newspaper man. He is weeks ago when Congress adjourned." the joint owner and editor of the Lewiston Journal and has been in Congress fifteen years. "There are but few Populists in Maine," he said, "and the fiat money craze has long since had its innning there and been batted clear out of the field."

He will remain at Southern Pines until the last of April and says that in the meantime he is going to take a day off and visit the capital city. F. B. ARENDELL.

A MUSICIAN IN TROUBLE.

Composer of the "Columbus Cantata" Involved in a Divorce Suit.

BALTIMORE, March 25 .- Prof. David Melamet, a musician of wide reputation and composer of the "Columbus Cantata," which won the prize offered for the best cantata to be performed at the opening of the World's Fair at Chicago, was to day named as co-respondent in a divorce case filed by another well-known musician, Reinhold Faelten, against his wife, Mrs. Annie Faelten.

Prof. Melamet had been director of Germania Mænner choir for over six years, but his resignation was demanded and handed in last night. He is charged with having maintained a liason with Mrs. Fælten for a year or two and musical circles are stirred to their depths by the rare disclosures that are being made.

Mr. Fæ ten is in Boston with his two eldest sons. The mother, a handsome woman of 30 years, with the two younger children could not be found to day.

CHARGES AGAINST THURSTON.

He Made Statements to the Press Reflecting Upon Minister Willis.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The precise complaint which was forwarded to the Hawaiian government in the customary manner through Minister Willis, upon which Minister Thurston's recall was requested, stated that he had made statements to the press reflecting upon the American Minister at Honolulu and intended to discredit him and impair his use ulness

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