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### OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

The Caucus in Iowa, Ohio and New York.

[Special Correspondent of The Democrat.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 21.—The old republican standbys in Massachusetts are very much disgruntled at the nomination of young Mr. Allen. They see themselves in the near future deprived of political power and leadership, and driven from office as well. It is a dreary vista for them to look down. Mr. Crapo has been seeking the Governorship for many years and his failure this time makes it very certain that he will never enjoy the distinction of governing the old Commonwealth. It is more than likely that with Hoar, Dawes, Crapo and a number of others of the ancient regime either lukewarm or actually opposing the ticket that Governor Russell will be re-elected and Massachusetts almost safely placed in the democratic column.

In Iowa Governor Boies is making a most vigorous canvass. The adoption by the republicans in their platform of the prohibition idea and their determination to stand by it weakens the party wonderfully. Mr. Wheeler, the republican candidate, is a farmer and cannot make a speech of any kind but goes around talking to the people while his running mate for Lieutenant Governor is a lecturer of the farmers' alliance. He was nominated on his soldier record. It appears that he served a few months at the close of the war in a Missouri regiment, and that without any distinction. Since that time he has tried several things, farming among them, but was always a failure. He will probably fail to be elected Lieutenant Governor of Iowa.

Governor Campbell returned to Ohio from the seacoast with renewed health and vigor and opened his campaign in a splendid speech. He showed the iniquities of the McKinley bill and also how Major McKinley, the author of the bill, was attempting to dodge a discussion of it which would not be permitted. He then showed that while McKinley was now so bitterly denouncing silver coinage, he had for years been an advocate of it and voted for the bill passed by the last Congress. Quite a number of distinguished leaders have gone to Ohio to assist Governor Campbell in his canvass, and it is probable that fully as many republican speakers from other States will assist McKinley. The battle there will be a very fierce one.

The canvass in New York was opened on the republican side by Mr. Fassett and Mr. Vrooman at the Brooklyn opera house. They both speak and are both good and aggressive fighters. The democrats will have to be on the lookout and do some splendid work in that city, because Fassett is a born politician with plenty of money, brains and nerve, and is ambitious to become the youngest Governor New York has had, except one, and that was Governor William H. Seward. Lieutenant Governor Jones, too, is making some trouble for that party, but it is not probable that it will amount to a great deal. There is some dissatisfaction also among the county democrats and the Stechler democrats, but all these matters will be arranged before election time and the democratic ticket will probably obtain its usual majority.

The English Government is interfering in the affairs of the Sandwich Islands. Since the building of the Canadian Pacific railway and the establishment of lines of steamers running from the ports on Vancouver Sound to Japan, China, India and Australia, it has become very desirable for England to secure possession of the Sandwich Islands or the great port of Honolulu where the navies of the world could be sheltered and forts built

which would protect them from any outside attack. The United States cannot allow England to acquire any sort of foothold on the Sandwich Islands. The effort to do so will be a sufficient cause for war even, if it could not be prevented in any other way.

The New York World made a canvass of the delegates to the Republican convention at Rochester, New York. Out of a little over seven hundred delegates, six hundred and thirty-nine of the delegates expressed their intention to support Blaine as against sixteen for Harrison. It is said that Harrison was exceedingly angry when he read that report, and if he had not been a Presbyterian he would probably have said some words that would not look well in print. He inveighed against the ingratitude of New York Republicans in failing to recognize the great good he had done to the party. Nothing that has occurred during the administration has done so much to embitter him and make him see exactly how small he is in comparison with Blaine and other men of the party, not even the letter of Senator Ingalls in which he advised a friend of his to vote for some small man like Harrison without a record.

The managers of the Chicago Fair propose to come to congress and ask for a loan of \$5,000,000. It is unfortunate that they cannot ask Mr. Springer, the Democrat of the house, and a prominent one, from Illinois, to assist them in securing a loan. But Springer is pledged in advance against any such action on his part. When the Centennial Exposition, of Philadelphia, asked for a loan of a million and a half dollars from the 44th congress Mr. Springer opposed it and we quote from his speech on that occasion:

"While I am anxious for the full success of the Centennial Exhibition, at the same time I regard the bill as simply a proposition to place in the treasury of the finance board \$1,500,000 to be divided among the stockholders after this exhibition is completed. If we pass this bill, they will have \$1,500,000 more to divide; if we do not pass it they will have \$1,500,000 less. We have farmed out this exhibition to a corporation which is rich enough to pay its own way, and is to receive all the advantages and receipts of the exhibition."

Philadelphia offered all the guarantees that Chicago can for the repayment of the money and yet the government had to bring suit against the Philadelphia corporation before it got its \$1,500,000 back. Of course after what Mr. Springer said on this occasion he cannot with any decency ask congress to loan Chicago \$5,000,000. In fact he will have to oppose it and thus the Illinois delegation will be divided on the subject.

Russell Harrison has an exceedingly happy faculty of putting himself and his father, the president, into very awkward positions. He is president of the Arkansas Pass Improvement Company, which corporation owns a body of land on Arkansas Pass, and got an act through congress by which the company was allowed to do such work as was necessary to provide a deep water entrance into the bay. The land of the company was advertised extensively in the Northern papers and purchases were made to the extent of \$2,000,000 on the written pledge of the company that bona fide work on the deepening of the channel should be commenced in May, 1891. No work has been done and yet the company is endeavoring to collect the notes which have fallen due on the land. The holders of these notes refused, and very properly, to pay unless the channel is deepened. The first sum paid was more than the value of the land they purchased.

### THE ALLIANCE IN CONGRESS.

Fifty Members Expected to Guard the Farmers' Interests at the Next Session—An Outline of the Program.

[Washington Post.]

By a visit to the Farmer's Alliance headquarters in this city yesterday, some interesting information was obtained in regard to the program of that body during the next session of congress. In addition to the headquarters being located here and the principal officers of the Alliance being on hand most of the time, there will be a committee especially charged with looking out for the interests of the Alliance before Congress. The Alliance claims to have fifty-five men in the next house who will vote with it on all the measures which it may see fit to bring forward. It also claims four senators—Peffer, of Kansas; Kyle, of South Dakota; Irby, of South Carolina, and Vance, of North Carolina. It claims Vance because he was elected after the legislature of his State had passed a resolution that no man could be chosen senator until he agreed to a program which was practically that of the Alliance. Mr. Vance having agreed to those resolutions, the Alliance now claims him as its own.

At the next session the sub-treasury bill as it was introduced in the last congress, will not make its appearance. That measure, they say at Alliance headquarters, has been repudiated by both houses of Congress, and will, for that reason, not be resurrected. A bill constructed, however, upon lines similar to it, and embodying the same principle, will be introduced into both houses and pushed to a vote. Exactly what changes will be made in the original sub-treasury bill have not yet been determined upon. The Stanford land loan bill will not be touched by the Alliance, whose leaders are very much put out that the people think the Stanford bill finds favor with them. It is said at Alliance headquarters that that bill is only designed to help people who already have a fair share of this world's goods. A bill bearing upon the same subject will, it is true, be introduced under Alliance auspices. It will provide for the relief of the agricultural population of the United States and for the promotion and encouragement of agriculture. Its main feature will provide that any citizen who owns and resides upon any tract of land containing not less than ten nor more than 320 acres, and who has at least one-half of that tract in actual cultivation, shall be entitled to apply for and receive from the treasury of the United States, one-half the assessed value of the land and the improvements on it. The loans are to be for not less than five nor more than ten years, and the borrower is to pay interest at the rate of 2½ per cent. per annum.

Another measure the passage of which the Alliance will demand is a free coinage bill. These three measures are the ones in which it will take the most interest. But other bills will come from its hand. It will have introduced a bill providing for government control of railroads and telegraph systems. In regard to the railroad and telegraph companies the Alliance is misunderstood, it is said at its headquarters. It is not, as is generally supposed, in favor of government ownership of railroads and the telegraph. It simply wants the government to control them. The Alliance will not bring forward any tariff bill. It will content itself with demanding the equalization of the tariff so that it will bear upon all alike. It will, however, put forward bills to abolish the national banking system.

The above furnishes an outline of the Alliance's program before the next congress.

### A Buncombe County Teachers' Association.

In keeping with the plan of the W. N. C. Teachers' Association Supt. Way called a meeting of the Buncombe county teachers at the court house Saturday, when the organization was effected by electing Prof. P. P. Claxton 1st vice president, Prof. D. L. Ellis 2nd vice president, Mrs. McDowell, of Weaver-ville, 3d vice president, and Miss Viola Boddie 4th vice president. James H. Cooper was elected secretary and Miss Lois S. Stanley treasurer. Constitution and by-laws were adopted.

Addresses were made by Profs. Ellis, of Fairview, John W. Starnes and P. P. Claxton, of Asheville.

Committees on program and county library were appointed.

Committee on program—Profs. P. P. Claxton, D. L. Ellis and A. O. Justus.

Committee on teachers' library—Profs. H. L. King, P. P. Claxton and Mrs. Branch.

Adjourned to meet Dec. 12th, next.

### The Wounded of the Wreck.

[Statesville Landmark.]

Mr. R. E. Johnson, the news agent who went down in the Boston bridge disaster, is so far improved that he rode down town yesterday morning, bought a suit of clothes and left for his home in Randolph county last evening. Mrs. W. E. Moore, of Helena, Ark., improves but slowly; she is able to sit up some but is not yet able to walk and is likely to be here for some time to come; her kins woman, Mrs. Lucy Polk, of Warrenton, who came here soon after the accident to be with Mrs. Moore, is with her still. Mr. A. L. Sink, of Lexington, is making good progress toward recovery; his broken thigh is thought to be knitting and altogether his condition is as satisfactory and his prospects as favorable as could be hoped for.

The reports of correspondents of the Weekly Weather Crop Bulletin issued by the North Carolina Experiment Station for the week ending Friday, September 18th, 1891, show that the weather during the past week has been most favorable. Light rains fell on Saturday and Sunday, followed by clear, warm weather, which has been beneficial to all crops and for all kinds of farm work. Cotton is opening more rapidly, though picking has not become general. Farmers have been very busy during the week saving fodder, curing hay, seeding oats, and preparing soil for wheat. Tobacco curing progressing rapidly. Another week of such weather is worth thousands of dollars to the farmers in the State. The prospects are for continued fine weather next week.

### Terrible Earthquake.

NEW YORK, September 21.—A special to the Herald from San Salvador, says: Millions of dollars worth of property and many lives destroyed in the Republic by an earthquake yesterday.

Whole towns were wiped out and as far as the advices received indicate, hardly a city in the country except those along the coast, escaped the awful effects of the convulsions. At five minutes before two o'clock yesterday morning the earth began to shake. The wave had a strong vertical and oscillatory movement.

Messrs. Peffer, Simpson and Polk have been announced to speak in Raleigh on October 9, during the first week of the Southern exposition, when representatives from all over the South especially will be present. The Star correspondent learned this morning that the democrats propose to put Senator Ransom against President Polk.

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