

WHY HE WROTE IT.

EX PRESIDENT CLEVELAND MAKES AN EXPLANATION REGARDING HIS SILVER LETTER.

New York, April 21.—The Evening Telegram publishes the following:

State Treasurer Lou V. Stephens of Missouri called on ex-President Cleveland today with letters of introduction from Gov. Francis and other leading Missouri democrats.

The ex-president received Mr. Stephens very cordially. The treasurer explained that the Missouri democrats were opposed to Mr. Cleveland's nomination on account of his letter, and asked him why he wrote that letter.

"I was well aware," said the ex-president, "that the republican party is very desirous of making the silver question one of the leading issues of the campaign of 1892, and the question should be taken up at once. It should be thoroughly discussed, so that the people can be educated up to it. In this way it may be so that before 1892, and we will not be endangered by a divided party. Besides, I was daily in receipt of hundreds of letters from democrats in all parts of the country, asking that I give an expression regarding free coinage, and I feel that those friends were entitled to know how I stood on the question, and so I took the first favorable opportunity to give my views. Since I did so I have received a large mail from all over the country, thanking me for having done so. My correspondents say that the party had a right to know my views, and that I would not have acted in good faith if I had kept them a secret. If I have caused a thorough discussion of the subject among democrats, they must admit that I acted wisely."

"But now that the letter has been written, the Missouri democrats," said Mr. Stephens, "would like to know if, in case you are elected president in 1892, and a democratic congress should pass a free coinage bill, would you veto it, no matter if you knew the great majority of your favor of the measure?"

"If I should be elected president in 1892," answered the ex-president, "such a bill would not reach me until 1895, as congress would not meet until December, 1893. So that is a bill we had better not attempt to cross until we come to it. What would be had for the country at the present might be necessary in 1894. As the volume of business increases it is necessary to increase the currency. The amount of the present percentage should be increased, but changes should be gradually."

"When the law was passed providing for the coinage of \$2,000,000 per month, I feared the result, for I thought it would prove an injury to the business interests of the country for the time at least. However, the law proved a benefit, for, contrary to my opinion, the country was ready for the change. When the present law providing for \$4,500,000 per month was passed I thought the measure too radical, and that it might have the effect of driving gold out of the country, but in this I was mistaken, and both those opposed as well as those in favor of free coinage believe that the present law is a wise one in so far that the country has benefited by it. With the rapid strides the country is making, it is impossible to say what financial legislation we may be ready for in 1894."

"In forming my views upon the subject I did not alone consider the interests of any one section of the country. My only desire is to see financial legislation enacted that will benefit the people in the west, as well as in the east, and those in the north as well as those in the south. This great country of ours, with its diversified interests, should not be viewed from the standpoint of any section. I have been unable to see how free coinage could fail of being an injury to every section of this country, believing, as I do, that it would drive gold out of circulation. As we are in a great measure dependent upon European markets upon for our products, we are obliged to take them into consideration."

"When I have suggested a monetary conference of the representatives of other governments with our own

which could agree upon a new standard of value, my suggestions have been scoffed at by Europeans. I am delighted that the people are now engaged in such a thoughtful consideration of this question, and that by 1892 they will have decided whether or not we are ready to handle all the silver of the world."

Mr. Stephens gave the account of his visit to the ex-president shortly after leaving Mr. Cleveland. Mr. Stephens was a journalist for several years. He took no notes, but he thinks he thoroughly memorized what Mr. Cleveland said. He does not claim to have been able to repeat the conversation verbatim.

Among the names of nearly 6000 of the alumni of the University of N. C. are to be found those of a President of the U. S., a Vice President, 2 acting Vice Presidents, 9 in the U. S. Cabinet, 2 in the Confederate Cabinet, 17 U. S. Senators, 25 Foreign Ministers, 22 Governors of States, 3 Gov. of Territories, 79 Members of Congress, over 100 Judges, 2 Chief Justices of N. C., 1 of Florida, 1 of Ala., 1 of Tenn., 19 Associate Justices of N. C., Tenn., Ala., and Md., 1 Lieut. Gen. in the Confederate army and 2 Gen. in the U. S. army. Something over 1000 alumni were in the Confederate army, 270 of whom lost their lives in defence of the South. Over 250 have been members of the General Assemblies of the various States. Six risen to the dignity of Bishops. Over 100 have taught either as regular professors or tutors in their alma mater, 13 have been Presidents of Universities and Colleges. Besides all these she has furnished nearly 50 prominent Professors, many of whom have taught in such institutions as Yale, Harvard, University of N. Y., and University of Ala. Vanderbilt and other equally well known.

With such a record as the above, this honorable, venerable and time honored institution is allowed to struggle along without a decent appropriation from the State. It is a shame, and a burning shame a reproach upon North Carolina.—Salisbury Truth.

RARE BUSINESS LETTER.

SOME WISE HINTS ABOUT SHIP MASTS AS LEARNED FROM NOAH'S ARK—A DISSEMINATION ON TELEGRAM OR TELEGRAPH POLES.

Mr. H. G. Smallbone, superintendent of the New York and Wilmington Steamship company, received the following letter a day or so since, and acting upon the request in it, he hands it to the Messenger and we take pleasure in publishing it verbatim:

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