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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

On Wednesday President Cleveland will go to the University of Virginia to take part in the commencement exercises. Senator Voorhees will deliver an oration before the literary societies of that institution on the same occasion. Mr. Cleveland has been invited to visit the home of Madison on his return from Charlottesville, and elaborate preparations have been made for his reception by the present owner of the old estate.

All arrangements have been completed for the meeting in this city to-morrow of the committee appointed by the St. Louis convention to notify Mr. Cleveland of his nomination. The committee, many members of which are already here, will meet at 2 o'clock and go in a body to the White House to officially notify Mr. Cleveland of his nomination to the Presidency. It is expected that Mr. Thurman will be at the White House when the committee gets there, and that he will be notified of his nomination to the Vice Presidency at the same time. After the formalities are over the notification committee and the national committee, which meets here at the same time, will be taken in charge by the Columbia Democratic Club, of this city, which has arranged an excellent programme, including a trip by steamer to Mount Vernon, for the entertainment of the visitors.

Congressional news of interest has been rather scarce for the past week, not that Congress is not hard at work, but because of the kind of work with which it is engaged—regular appropriation bills. It is work however, which is indispensable and which requires to be carefully and intelligently done. In its platform the Republican convention was very modest in enumerating the achievements of the party. They do not claim to have created the earth, but there is little else that they do not claim. To people familiar with the political history of the country, the document furnishes its own answer.

Mr. Cleveland's letter of acceptance, which has been written, and which will probably be made public this week, is said, by a gentleman who has been fortunate enough to have read it, to be one of the ablest State papers yet prepared by him. The Chicago convention leaves the Republican party in a terrible condition. The jealousies are much worse than they were in 1880.

Poor John Sherman. Ever faded to get left. Mr. Benj. P. Fairchild, of New York City, father-in-law of Representative Stahlnecker, was in this city a day or two ago. Speaking of the political outlook in New York, he said: "My mark is 100,000 majority in the State for Cleveland. People may think that

is wild, but I have been actively engaged in the politics of the State for more than half a century, and I believe I can come as near as any man to telling how an election will go. I am willing to risk any amount up to \$50,000 on my judgment. The people of New York are pleased with the ticket and with the platform, and they will vote the ticket like sheep following each other. For Governor we will nominate David B. Hill, the most popular Democrat now in the State, and we will elect him with a rush, too." With the exception of the large majority, Mr. Fairchild's opinion is a fair sample of those daily expressed here by visiting New Yorkers.

A committee from Tammany Hall was in the city a day or two ago for the purpose of securing prominent speakers for the ratification jubilee which the society proposes to hold on July 4. The following gentlemen have accepted invitations to attend and make speeches: Senator Vest and Representative Mills, Collins, Ford, (of Michigan) Washington, Hooker, Crain, McAdoo, Wise, Shively, Bynum, McCreary, and Speaker Carlisle.

Washington Democrats will send a very large crowd to Baltimore July 4, to attend the national convention of clubs. A large number of Congressmen will also attend.

Representative Fitch, of New York, who was elected as a Republican, but who has left that party on account of the tariff, and joined the Democratic party, gave a banquet to Representatives Price, Spinola, Townshend, and Ford, and the Tammany Committee, on Thursday evening. M. Fitch made a few remarks explaining why he left the Republican and joined the Democratic party. The other gentlemen gave him a hearty welcome to the party.

Since the fact was published that Representative Timothy Campbell, of New York, had made a bet of \$5,000 that Cleveland and Thurman would carry New York, that gentleman has been overwhelmed with requests by telegram and mail to get some more bets of that sort, for his constituents; all of whom know a good thing when they see it.

## A Farmer on the Tariff.

A farmer of Berkshire, N. Y., writing to the *Evening Post*, says: "As a farmer I am most interested in the debates on the tariff and the important issues before the people; as Mr. Carlisle stated: 'What the American most needs is a home market in which he can purchase his supplies as cheaply as his competitors purchase theirs.'"

I have saved many articles published in the paper last winter, and they were of great use to me in a debate we had in Berkshire on revenue reform. As our town was bonded in 1867 to help build the Southern Central Railroad, to the amount of \$73,000, and our taxes ever since have been very burdensome to us farmers. I made a little statement of the cost of the tariff on the iron and steel rails laid on the four and one-half miles of railroad in our town. The first rails were purchased in Germany in 1869, under the tariff laws of March, 1865, which imposed \$35 gold duty per ton. As it takes 100 tons of rails per mile, this made \$3,500, or \$15.750 for 4 1/2 miles. Then a few years ago they relayed the road with steel rails, with a duty of \$17 per ton—\$1,700 per mile, or \$7,650, making a total of \$33,400—nearly two-thirds of the amount of our bonded debt. I took pains to show that I had not included the cost of any bolts, spikes, or fish-plates, or iron for bridges. Now it would surprise many if a statement was made of the cost of the tariff on the iron and rails for railroads built in the towns bonded to help to build such roads. I have it on good authority that the cost of grading of the S. C. R. R. through our town was less than \$5,000 per mile; so the amount of duty on the rails exceeds the cost of grading.

In course of the debate the tariff on wool was discussed, and I proved by my books that the price of wool was higher on the average from 1850 to 1860 than it had been for the last ten years by two or three cents per pound

and that until 1862 this section was one of the greatest sheep-raising countries. In 1849 my father bought a farm I now live on, and 226 sheep with it while I now own 12 sheep; and my case is like that of other farmers in this vicinity. I asked several old farmers present if I was not correct in my statement, and they acknowledged that I was."

The nomination of John S. Henderson, of Salisbury, was expected by all. He deserved it. Few districts are so admirably represented in the House as his. He is conscientious, learned, able and successful. We say he is successful because he has by unflinching and well aimed blows secured the confidence of the body as to his integrity and its respect for his ability. Now he can and does get a hearing. His record has pleased the people. The views he cherishes are the views of his constituents.—Charlotte Chronicle.

Commenting upon the improvidence of the North Carolina farmer in buying abroad what it might be supposed he was able to raise at home, the Bulletin for May says:

"Estimating the amount of bacon imported in this State in 1887 at the rate indicated, we find that the farmer has paid, fixing the price per pound at the low figure of 10 cents, \$1,027,096.20. If this meat had been raised at home it would only have cost the farmer \$669,179.98, a saving of just \$359,080.22. There is abundant proof that the farmers of North Carolina cannot afford not to raise their own meat. That item alone is enough to make 'hard times' a permanent visitor.

"The same leakages are observed in the matter of stock. Taking the report of horses and mules imported in 1887 as a basis, we estimate that 7,449 horses and mules were imported, which, valued at \$125 each, would amount to \$931,125. Had these animals been raised within the State, there would have been saved in cash \$484,185. This estimate averages cost of horses and mules at \$60, with an equal number of each.

Terrible floods and great loss of property and life, just reported from Mexico.

## State Democratic Platform.

The recent State Convention of the Democratic party adopted the following platform. We again congratulate the people of North Carolina on the continued enjoyment of peace, good government and general prosperity under Democratic administration of the affairs of the State which has now been unbroken for so many years; upon the just and impartial enforcement of the law; upon the increasing efficiency of our common school system, and the progress made in popular education; upon the improvement and enterprise manifested in all parts of the State. We again challenge a comparison between this State of things and the outrages, crimes and scandals which attended Republican ascendancy in our borders. We pledge ourselves to exert in the future as in the past our best efforts to promote the best interests of the people of all sections of the State. Affirming our adherence to Democratic principles as heretofore enunciated in the platforms of the party, it is hereby:

Resolved, That no government has the right to burden its people with taxes beyond the amount required to pay its necessary expenses and gradually extinguish its public debt; and that wherever the revenues, however derived, exceed this amount, they should be reduced, so as to avoid a surplus in the treasury. \* \* \*

Resolved, That while the details of the methods by which the constitutional revenue tariff shall be gradually reached are subjects which the representatives of our people at the national capital

must be trusted to adjust, we think the customs duties should be levied for the production of public revenue, and the discriminations in their adjustment should be such as will place the highest rates on luxuries and the lowest on the necessities of life, distribute as equally as possible the unavoidable burdens, of taxation, and confer the greatest good on the greatest number.

Resolved, That we, as heretofore, favor, and will never cease to demand, the unconditional abolition of the whole internal revenue system, as a war tax, not to be justified in times of peace; as a grievous burden to our people and a source of annoyance in its practical operations. We call the attention of the people of the State to the hypocritical pretension of the Republican party in their platforms that they are in favor of the repeal of this onerous system of taxation, enacted by their party, while the Republicans in Congress are taxing their energies to obstruct all legislation inaugurated by the representatives of the Democratic party to relieve the people of all or a part of this odious system.

Resolved, That the course of the Democratic party, in furtherance of popular education, is a sufficient guaranty that we favor the education of the people, and we will promote and improve the present educational advantages so far as it can be done without burdening the people by excessive taxation.

Resolved, That, to meet an existing evil, we will accept, for educational purposes, from the Federal government, our pro rata share of the surplus in its treasury; provided, that it be disbursed through State agents and the bill for the distribution be free from objectionable features.

Resolved, That the United States being one government and ours a national party, we denounce the efforts of the Republicans to force sectional issues in Congress and elsewhere, and to promote dissension and ill-will between the people of the different sections of our common country.

Resolved, That it is due to the people of eastern counties, who have so cheerfully borne their share of our common burdens, that the present or some equally effective system of county government shall be maintained.

Resolved, That the Democratic party is opposed to any further extension of the "No-fence" law, unless such extension shall have first been authorized by a majority of the qualified voters within the territory to be affected thereby.

Resolved, That the Democratic party has ever been the party of the workingman, and has never fostered monopolies, nor have "trusts" or "combinations" or "pools" ever grown up under laws enacted by it. The contest in this country being between aggregated capital, seeking to crush out all competition, and the individual laborer, the Democratic party is, as it has ever been, against the monopolist and in favor of a just distribution of capital, and demands the enactment of laws that will bear equally upon all.

Resolved, That as all taxation bears most heavily upon the laborer, it is the duty of every legislator, as a direct benefit to the workingman, to keep the expenses of our public institutions at the lowest limit consistent with wise and efficient management. The Democratic party opposes any competition between free and convict labor, but it insists that convicts shall not remain idle at the expense of honest labor.

Resolved, That ours being an agricultural State, it is our duty as well as our pleasure to promote any and all legislation that is best calculated to advance the interests of agriculture; and that in so doing we will most effectually advance the interests of mechanics, manufacturers and laborers.

Resolved, That the Democracy of North Carolina, cordially approve the administration of Hon. Alfred M. Scales as honest, patriotic and conservative.

Resolved, That the ability, wisdom, honesty, patriotism, independence, faithfulness to duty and manly courage of President Cleveland have won the admiration of all good men and the interests of the country demand his re-nomination and his re-election.

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