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### WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.  
Representative Mills, of Texas, is the happiest man in the House, and he has good right to be. He has maintained from the time his tariff bill was first presented to the House that it would pass; he was laughed at by some, and he believed by none. And now it is conceded by all, friend and foe alike, that the bill will be passed by the House in a short time. He has seen his bill endorsed by most of the State convention of his party. Is not all this enough to make a man happy?

The President has vetoed another batch of private pension bills, and accompanying one of the vetoes was a letter of some length, which must have brought blushes of shame to the face of more than one member of the House and Senate pension committees. He fully explained his position in regard to this class of legislation, and proved conclusively to the mind of any unprejudiced reader, that he is not unfriendly to the soldier or his widow. The great number of vetoes have been caused by the careless manner in which these bills have been passed by Congress.

The Republicans are not dwelling in unity. Representatives Cannon of Illinois, and Kelley, sometimes called "Pig iron," of Pennsylvania, have been at daggers' points, and over what? The tariff. Cannon believes in free sugar, and a bounty for the American manufacturer; Kelley believes in a high protective tariff, and wants to know why such an idea is not just as applicable to the sugar planter of Louisiana as to the Eastern manufacturer. Kelley wanted to read Cannon out of the republican party for daring to have an idea outside of protection. The Democrats of the House, who are, with half a dozen exceptions, completely united in favor of revenue reform, enjoyed the wordy duel between the republicans.

The House is working very hard to finish up the business before it; the Senate is taking things in its usual leisurely way. Last week it was in session only two days.

Now that the Republicans of the Senate are confronted with the necessity of getting up a tariff bill which shall represent the opinions of the republican party, in order to offer it as a substitute for the Mills bill when that

measure gets to the Senate, they are in a quandary as to what to do; every Senator has a different idea as to what is best. They are realizing the old adage that "it is easier to criticize than to create."

The report that Postmaster General Dickinson had written a letter protesting against the railway mail employees being placed under the provisions of the civil service law, was entirely without foundation.

Mr. Cleveland spent the Fourth in his office, at the White House, hard at work over a lot of bills. In the evening he drove out to Oak View.

The House has passed the Holman substitute for the Senate railroad land forfeiture bill. The Senate bill forfeited 5,623,436 acres. Mr. Holman's substitute forfeits 54,323,996 acres. A slight difference.

Among the thousands of Democratic clubs that afterwards came through Washington, was Hon. John Winans, Mayor of Jamesville, Wisconsin; and who is understood to be the Democratic nominee for governor of that State this year. In reply to questions as to the prospect of Democratic success in Wisconsin, Mr. Winans said: "We shall make a very strong effort to carry the State this fall for Cleveland, Thurman, and tariff reform. The effort is already underway. Our Democratic clubs are strongly organized and numerous. We shall push them in every direction, and shall make the first strong and united effort to carry the State since the Tilden and Hendricks campaign. The Republicans have been growing weaker there for years, and their present attitude on the tariff is the last straw. Our people, irrespective of party, are tired of being mercilessly taxed for the benefit of a privileged class of manufacturers.

John Sherman is still growling about the alleged purchase by Alger of fifty of the former's Southern delegates to the Chicago convention. It will probably take Sherman a long while to recover from the loss of his money and expectations. If Alger bought any Southern Sherman delegates, it is extremely probable that he was the second purchaser.

### The Election of Commissioners.

COR. VI. ETTE.

Messrs. Editors: Well, "Justice," the brilliant (?) correspondent of The Times has learned the difference between "majority" and "plurality," although he pretends that he used the former term for the latter, *inadvertently*. *Inadvertently*, indeed! When his whole effort was to prove that a plurality was a majority! He writes flippantly about the law, when it is plain that he is like *necessity*—for "necessity knows no law."

"Will Vera Justitia inform the people what is the difference in so far as the terms affect the result of the election," he asks. Certainly, Mr. Justice, you shall have the information, albeit not many "people" need it. In all deliberative, representative bodies a majority decides all questions; for, if there is not a majority for or against a proposition, another ballot can be had immediately. But in popular elections it is too expensive and too inconvenient to call the people together an indefinite number of days, and therefore a plurality is sufficient for the election of any candidate before the people in this State.

Why, sir, according to your interpretation of the law, Senator John Sherman is your candidate for the Presidency; for did he not receive a plurality in the Chicago Convention seven times? But it

is useless, I fear, to attempt to evolve an intellectual spark from the brains of "Justice."

VERA JUSTITIA.

### THAT REMARKABLE CONVENTION AT CHICAGO.

Elizabeth City Economist.

Thursday, Convention met, with a Nebraska man, named Thurston in the chair as temporary Chairman. Made a dull speech. Committees appointed. Mahone and Wise quarrelled. Adjourned. Recess. Fighting in the committee room of committee on credentials. Free Fight. Practical social equality. Choking, grabbing, gouging. Niggers and whites. Policemen knocked niggers in the head with clubs. Missed whites. Wednesday met. Estee of Colorado permanent chairman. Downed Mahone. Seated Wise delegates. Adopted platform. Adjourned. Thursday, Where's Blaine? Nominate candidates. Hawley, Gresham, Harrison, Alger, Sherman Depew, Fidler, Allison, Rusk. Poor speeches. No enthusiasm. The only speech that was tolerable was that of Hastings of Pennsylvania in nominating Sherman. All the rest—stale, flat and unprofitable. Adjourned to evening. Met, balloted, adjourned. Where's Blaine? Won't answer. Silence, consents. No change. Harrison gains. Scrub race of scrubs. Saturday, met, looked foolish, adjourned to Monday. Did you ever. No never. Hardly ever. Howsoever.

P. S.—Benjamin Harrison, of Indiana, was nominated for President, on Monday, on the 8th ballot.

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### 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 platform 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 the 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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