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THE CONFEDERATE DEAD AT WINCHESTER.

In the Daily edition of this paper of the 11th instant, and in last week's Weekly, we gave the appeal of Secretary of State Cooke for contributions for erecting headstones over the graves of the North Carolinian Confederate soldiers buried at Winchester, Virginia, and promised to give this week the list which Capt. Cooke enclosed to us along with the appeal.

From Capt. Cooke's letter we learn, with shame, that the graves of nearly all the Confederate dead buried at Winchester from the States other than North Carolina, are marked by suitable head stones. "There are four hundred and forty-eight graves of our North Carolina soldiers," says the patriotic Secretary of State, "which are unmarked save by pine boards, on which are inscribed—in most cases, and wherever the facts were known—the name, company and regiment. These boards were furnished by the pious, patriotic women of Winchester, for the purpose of identifying the graves and in anticipation that they would be replaced by monuments of more enduring form. These are decaying and the time has come, if we would save these resting places of our dead patriots from oblivion, that we should mark them by proper head stones."

Capt Cooke adds:

"It will cost only three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50) apiece to procure suitable marble head stones, with the proper inscriptions thereon. It will be seen from the list that nearly every North Carolina regiment that was in Genl. Lee's Army has some representatives there. It is proposed that the head stone shall be provided by the following plan. Let every person who will help in this work, instead of making contribution generally, pay for one or more stones. If it shall happen in looking over the list, that some shall prefer to purchase a stone for the grave of a particular soldier, that may be done, with the understanding that should two or more make the same selection, the one giving the first advice thereof would have the selection and the contributions of the others would go into the general fund. Mr. T. P. Jerman, principal clerk in the Auditor's office at Raleigh, has kindly consented to receive and hold the contributions until the work shall be accomplished. Let every one who will pay \$3.50 for a stone or who will pay at that rate for several stones, (and I doubt not there are quite a number who will purchase several) send the money at once to Mr. Jerman. I appeal to the people of the State and especially to the old soldiers, for I realize that upon them the scheme depends for success, to respond promptly and liberally to this appeal."

There were soldiers from Cumberland and our neighbors, Harnett, Robeson, Sampson, Johnston, Moore and Bladen, in every one of the regiments represented in the list of four hundred and forty-eight buried at Winchester. How many of their surviving comrades, or the children of them, will avail themselves of the opportunity to help in rescuing their beloved State from such a unique disgrace as that she suffers at Winchester?

"Veteran comrades," says Captain Cooke, "these be our brothers."

A MEANING OF MCKINLEY'S SUCCESS.

The politically inclined reader will find something worth considering in the article copied elsewhere from the New York World on "McKinley and the Bosses." The diagnosis there given of "bossism" is good, and true. They are against McKinley because he "is the popular candidate." "It will be no credit to them," continues the World, "to nominate a man whom the whole party wants nominated. They could never say they had made McKinley. They could never be sure he would not unmake them if

it suited his pleasure." The reader will recognize in this quotation the same diagnosis of bossism as that made by the OBSERVER in its memorable fight for Vance against Cleveland and the bosses two years and a half ago.

But there is another interesting point which it will be well to deduce from the World's article. It is not mentioned in this one, but in a subsequent issue of that paper. If McKinley, the Protectionist, should be nominated, it would go far towards strengthening Mr. Cleveland as the logical candidate in opposition, with those who believe in the spurious kind of a revenue tariff which he represents. We say "spurious," because the Democratic platform on which Mr. Cleveland was nominated declares that a tariff that wilfully contains any protection in it is unconstitutional, and, so far, Mr. Cleveland has said nothing in his messages to indicate that he believes in that Democratic doctrine.

Let the Democracy watch McKinley and the President.

THE ADMINISTRATION TRIUMPH IN KENTUCKY.

We gave yesterday the news that the Legislature of Kentucky had adjourned without electing a Senator—and without bloodshed. What a disgraceful spectacle the whole affair has presented. Democratic traitors and bolters, backed by the President and his man, Carlisle, preventing the election of the regular nominee of the party! And the Republican Governor—who defeated the Democratic candidate by the aid of the President's and Carlisle's friends, and as a direct result of the President's man Carlisle's invasion of Kentucky in obedience to the President's announced programme—this Republican Governor packing the State Capitol with troops to overawe the Democratic nominee's supporters! But, worst of all—because it comes home to us—not a word of disapproval or rebuke from any administrationist or representative gold standard man in our State of North Carolina!

Blackburn was the dear friend of Vance, and no doubt the administrationists hate him for that, and rejoice that the Republicans have defeated him.

McKinley and the Bosses.

New York World.

The situation in regard to the Republican nomination for President is rapidly clearing up. News of the election of delegates to St. Louis in scattered districts through the South and West and in State conventions in Ohio and Kansas shows with daily increasing certainty that McKinley is the favorite of the great mass of Republicans in those sections. The strength and prevalence of this sentiment is evidenced by the fact that often it has dominated the conventions in spite of the local bosses. In half a dozen instances already the bosses, in order to carry out their contract to secure delegations for Morton, Reed or whatever other candidate they had pledged themselves to, have had to bolt the regular conventions and set up for themselves. Two State conventions are included in the number that have so split in the South.

McKinley's strength as a candidate lies not in himself, but in the fact that he stands for something, that he represents a principle, that he embodies the idea of protection, the only idea upon which the Republican party can unite for a national campaign.

Such a candidate, however small his actual personality, however narrow-minded and incapable he may be, will always attract the mass of a party more than an abler or broader man who is identified with no special idea or principle. * * * * *

The result of a national convention is largely determined by the party leaders and bosses, who, while they can never permanently withstand the dominant sentiment of the party behind them, may for a time check its development, thwart its purposes and turn its forces into new and unexpected channels. These bosses in the Republican party to-day stand for no principle and represent no idea but that of success. They are against McKinley for a variety of purely personal reasons and selfish ambitions, but also because McKinley is the popular candidate. It

will be no credit to them to nominate a man whom the whole party wants nominated. They could never say they had made McKinley. They could never be sure he would not unmake them if it suited his pleasure.

These bosses, therefore, are working each for himself or some candidate in his own interest, but all against McKinley. It is clear that they will have at the first a very large share in the control of the convention. Quay will have Pennsylvania, Platt will control New York in the name of Morton, Reed will have New England, Clarkson thinks he can hold Iowa for Allison, Elkins owns West Virginia, Manderson will have Nebraska, and other favorite sons controlling the delegations of other States will probably prevent McKinley on the first ballots from obtaining a clear majority, however far he may be in the lead. It is more than likely that the bosses will also control the organization of the convention and the Credentials Committee, thereby further weakening McKinley by throwing out legitimately elected delegates and seating the bolters, of whom there are already a considerable proportion of the delegates thus far chosen.

In subsequent ballots McKinley will always have the advantage of the popular sentiment behind him, and the more the struggle is prolonged the more effective will become this pressure. If he can maintain his lead and prevent a combination of the leaders upon some one candidate until the people are heard from, the chances are that he will get enough of the floating and weak-kneed delegates to nominate him.

But there will first be abundant opportunity for a combination to beat him. Morton's greatest weakness as a candidate before the people, his age, will be a source of strength in the convention. It will vastly increase the attractiveness of the Vice-Presidential nomination, and by that much increase the value of the goods which Mr. Platt will have to offer in exchange for votes for Morton for first place. Where the Reed strength will go when the futility of attempting to nominate a man from Maine becomes evident, is an interesting problem. Quay would probably rather help Platt than any other boss. Elkins has no antagonism to a Wall street banker.

The great weakness of such a combination will be in the sectional feeling which it would at once create, and which will surely force the West and South into union against it.

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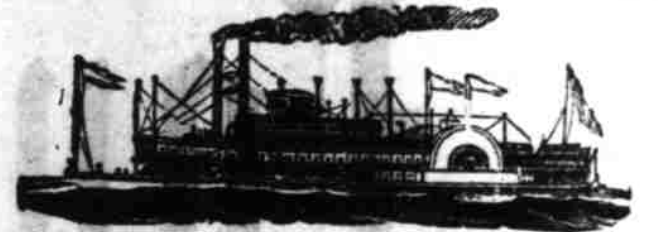
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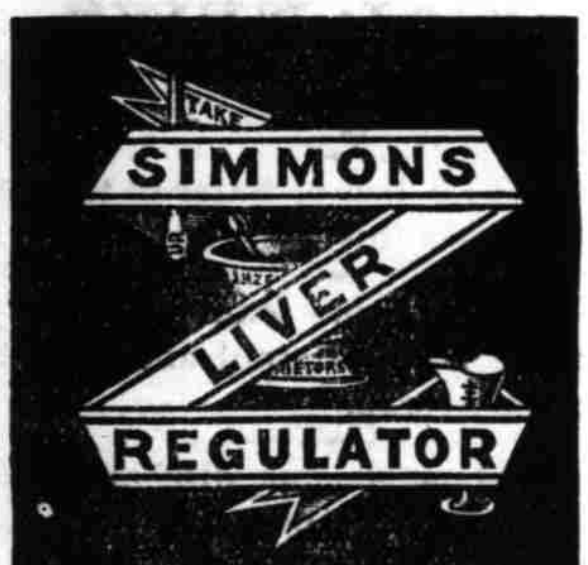
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