

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, June 19th, 1896.

President Cleveland's letter stating that he, "as an unflinching democrat who has been honored by his party and who desires hereafter no greater political privilege than to occupy the place of private in its ranks," could not have been surprising to readers of this correspondence, in which it was positively stated, by authority, many months ago that President Cleveland was not and would not be a candidate before the Chicago convention, and that he would whenever he deemed such action desirable write a letter to that effect. What was stated then has now come to pass. That letter has been written. It was not surprising, either, in view of Mr. Cleveland's consistent opposition to silver, that he should have used that letter to make a fresh attack upon the free coinage of silver. There is a very decided difference of opinion among democrats as to what, if any, effect the President's letter will have upon the Chicago convention, and only time will tell which are right. Republicans say they will use the letter as a campaign document if the Chicago convention adopts a free silver platform.

Secretary Lamont probably talks as little to the public ear as any man in public life, but he has a way of accomplishing what he starts out to do that many more talkative men lack. When Secretary Lamont wrote a letter opposing the bill to revive the grade of General of the army in order that Gen. Miles might be promoted thereto, and giving the reasons for his opposition, many supposed that Congress being anti-administration in both branches would pass the bill just because the administration didn't want it passed, but your Uncle Daniel knew better. If anybody will take the trouble to hunt it down that Miles bill will be found in a committee-room pigeon-hole, nicely covered with dust and cobwebs, and there it will probably remain. You couldn't persuade Secretary Lamont to say a word about it now. He got what he wanted and that ends it with him.

Representative Amos Cummings is admittedly an authority on N. Y. politics. While in Washington this week he said: "I am sanguine that New York will do democratic this year, it matters not what the Chicago convention does on the financial question. The people of New York state are thoroughly disgusted with the reform administrations that have produced the Raines bill and other monstrosities of legislation. They are mad all the way through and 90 per cent of them are more interested in turning down a party that encroaches on their liberties and brings back an era of blue law and puritanism than in the platform of a National Convention."

Mr. W. G. Conrad, a banker and cattleman, of Montana, and a good democrat, says of the political situation in that state: "The democrats can carry the State for a silver candidate for the Presidency, and if they combine with the populists, which they probably will, they can elect the Governor easily. They might carry the legislature, too, but that would not be of supreme importance seeing that no U. S. Senator is to be chosen by that body. Gov. Boies seems to be the favorite Presidential candidate out our way; at least we hear more about him than of the rest. If he gets the nomination there is no doubt of his getting Montana's electoral vote."

Never was the result of a National Convention received in Washington with more apathy than that of the one which has just been held at St. Louis. Of course, one stops to think, that is not difficult to account for. People do not enthuse over the announcement of a cut and dried affair, and the only thing that was ever for a moment in doubt about that convention was who would be the candidate for Vice President. Czar Reed remained in Washington to hear the news, and if he would only tell what he thinks about it—but he won't. Democrats do not regard the ticket nominated at St. Louis as a strong one. On the contrary, they think it would have been difficult for the convention to have picked out one that would have been weaker. Aside from the enmity of many of the republican leaders because of the methods adopted by Mark Hanna, McKinley will fail to get the votes of many republicans who regard him as a one-idea man.

The bolt of silver republicans because of the financial plank of the platform makes it doubtful whether McKinley can carry a single western state. In short, it is the opinion of the best informed democrats that if the democrats can't beat McKinley they could not beat anybody, and that the republicans have added very largely to the chances for democratic success.

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Every business day of the year he handles over \$5,000,000. He has counted as much as \$15,000,000 in a single day. Altogether he has had to do with the handling of over \$25,000,000,000 in cash. This stupendous sum represents far more than the sum total of the fortunes of all the millionaires in America and Europe combined. To assist the imagination in the proper appreciation of its immensity, it may be noted that if Adam—from the day of his creation—about 5900 years ago—had continuously counted silver dollars, day and night, for every minute of the time that has elapsed to the present day, he must have counted at the rate of over ten per minute to have aggregated the number of dollars that have passed through the hands of Mr. Gilpin.

Yet Mr. Gilpin is not a rich man himself. He draws a fairly good salary—\$5000 a year—as assistant manager of the New York Clearing House; but he possesses no private fortune of consequence. He is a living example of the possibility that a man may handle almost inconceivable wealth, and yet not be burdened with an undue proportion thereof as his private property.

"So you would like to know how one man can manage to handle the vast sums of cash that pass through this office each day?" he said to me recently. "First let me explain, as briefly and clearly as possible, why the money comes here at all. Suppose that I owe you \$50, and that you owe me \$75, and it becomes necessary that we should settle our accounts. We appoint a given time and place in which to transact the business. It is obvious that it would be quite unnecessary for me to hand you the \$50 I owe you, and for you to hand me the \$75 you owe me, in money. Twenty-five dollars, the sum representing the difference between our debts, is all the cash that need pass between us."

"It is the same with the banks. They settle their accounts with each other in balances; but as the ramifications of this indebtedness are very widespread and complicated in a city where there are so many banks as New York City, a general place and time of meeting to transact such business is necessary. Hence we have the clearing house. The balances are brought here in cash for settlement and average over \$5,000,000 daily. Of course, no living man could handle that amount of money all in small bills, so the bulk of the payments are made in notes of large denominations. To be sure, in the settlement of small amounts pennies, silver and legal tenders are employed;

but all large balances are paid in Treasury notes of \$500 and \$1000, and clearing house certificates of \$500 and \$10,000 each. These certificates are equivalent to a Treasury note, for they are issued against a deposit of gold in the clearing house depository, and represent so much actual cash. I remember that on one occasion the gold itself was passed through the clearing house. It amounted to \$8,000,000, or over fifteen tons of the precious metal. It was brought to the clearing house on trucks, and gave us no end of trouble.

"Does not the responsibility of handling such immense sums each day wear upon you greatly?" I asked. "Oh, I suppose one can get used to anything after a time," was the reply. "I must acknowledge, however, that when I first began paying out \$5000 and \$10,000 bills as if they had been fives and tens I was extremely nervous. You see, I had no more time to verify the payments than is allowed the paying teller of a bank. Everything has to be done quickly here; for when you have millions to pay out by a specified hour you cannot take your own time about it. But after a while my nervousness wore off, and now I think no more of handling these big bills than if they were of the smallest possible denomination."

LIVES IN A ROCKING CHAIR.

A Prosperous Chinese of Oakland Who Has No Other Home.

Oakland has a taxpayer whose home is nothing more or less than an antiquated rocking chair, and who has astonished the authorities by obeying an ordinance which, it was thought, would serve to end his peculiar ways if enforced. The eccentric resident is a Chinese named Chang Wee, and he repairs cane-seated chairs for a livelihood.

Chang Wee covers a great deal of territory, and does not consider it worth his while to establish himself in a house. So he carries a sample chair with him upon his back, and when meal-time or night overtakes him he plants himself down wherever he chances to be, and enjoys a repast of rice and prunes, or goes to sleep for the night. Chang is partial to high-ways, and many people have been puzzled to see him huddled up in his chair at the side of some suburban road, calmly awaiting for the morrow.

Some time ago Chang was told that he could not occupy the streets at night unless he hung out a lantern, for the law was explicit on the point that obstructions should be indicated by lights after dusk. This did not discourage the Chinese, and he at once secured a beacon, which he hangs from the back of his chair now upon retiring.

Chang is a property holder and owns a lot, in partnership with another Chinese, on East Fourteenth street. Nevertheless, he considers himself too poor to afford a place in which to sleep and eat. He walks through Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, repairing chairs, and makes fair wages thereby. He has put in the past week in Oakland, and will now strike out on his country beat, to be gone two months.

Among the Chinese of this city he is looked upon with suspicion, for they consider his ways radically inconsistent and absurd. Nevertheless, Chang Wee is making a good living and saving all but a mite of it.—San Francisco Chronicle.

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Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly for May, 1896.

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MELANCHOLY WOMEN.

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Of course a woman will naturally see the dark side of everything when tortured by some form of female disease, which her doctor cannot or does not relieve. No wonder she is melancholy when head and back ache, pains run through the whole body and loins, nerves are weak, stomach out of order, digestion poor, sense of fullness and bearing-down, poor sleep and appetite, always weak and tired, irregular menstruation, whites, etc.

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