

Our Washington Letter.

Special to the REPUBLICAN. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16, '77. The peculiarity most noticeable in the average Democrat, is an inability to see anything good in what anybody else does. Having been for sixteen years without a platform or a principle, and existing as an organization only because of the dense ignorance and blind spirit of opposition which controlled the foreign voters who gave it cohesion, the Democratic party at last adopted a platform in 1876, almost identical with that of the Republicans. Defeated again, and the successful candidate proposing not only to carry out his and their promises, but even to accept Democratic support in what he said they considered further reforms, they refused to take any part with him in his work, but hold caucuses to devise means of opposition. It is evident that they do not so much desire the success of their principles as the spoils that is an incident to the carrying of them into effect. Happily for President Hayes, he belongs to a party strong enough and willing to support him in all proper efforts for National harmony, purity and prosperity, and if he can produce any new and still untried remedy for the evils that afflict us, he will not need what Democrats so churlishly and inconsistently refuse. Whatever others may have thought, the proposition to hold new elections in Louisiana and South Carolina, has had no general support among earnest Republicans here, and there was great relief felt when it was learned that no action on the subject was taken at the Cabinet meeting last night. The only reason given, so far as I know, why Chamberlain should not be supported is that some of the people of the State refuse to pay taxes to him, or recognize him as Governor. If we apply such a rule as this to affairs in private life, we shall see how little of principle there can be in it. It is simply deserting the weak because they are weak, and turning the poor over to the rich for protection. There may be reasons for believing that Hampton was elected and Chamberlain defeated, and that Nicholls was elected and Packard defeated, but there has been no official information to that effect laid before President Hayes. When all the facts are before him he will no doubt give it careful consideration, together with all the surrounding circumstances, and act as appears proper to himself and those other statesmen who have given attention to the subject for many years. The minor appointments of the President, so far, are good ones. If there are any exceptions I do not know them. Certainly, the most prominent of them, Lot M. Morrill, to be Collector of Customs at Portland, and of Fred. Douglass to a lucrative and honorable position in this District, could hardly be improved upon. Mr. Douglass was tendered two or three smaller places by President Grant, but declined them. The result of the New Hampshire election gives genuine satisfaction to all Republicans. If there was any Democratic hope of trouble in the light of this great victory. It is an assurance at once of confidence in President Hayes and in the other leaders of the party—in the Executive, in the Legislative, and in the laymen. It is thought the Senate if it does not adjourn this week, will do so by Monday or Tuesday. It has nothing to do but confirm or reject appointees of the President, and he has indicated that he will have sent in by Tuesday the names of all requiring action by the Senate. A rumor was prevalent last evening, and has been much talked of today, that immediately on the adjournment of the Senate, the President would order the troops from Louisiana and South Carolina. This is altogether unlikely, inasmuch as there can be no possible reason, three or five days hence for such a course, which does not now exist. Secretary Schurz has announced that he will make changes in the heads of several of the bureaus of his Department, and as far as possible, he will urge

for appointment to the vacancies those next to the dismissed officials. Such a cause is in keeping—so far as the new appointments are concerned—with the former declaration of the Secretary. MAXWELL. The Philadelphia Times, McClure's paper, is outraged because Don. Cameron is to take his father's place in the U. S. Senate. The Philadelphia Bulletin, therefore remarks as follows: Different statesmen have different gifts. One knows how to obtain a unanimous nomination to the United States Senate from the Republicans in the Legislature, while another knows how to beat him at poker. But suppose Mr. Cameron had the poker talent and Mr. McClure could have secured the nomination, how few professional reformers would have considered the exercise of "one-man power" wicked? And how few genuine Republicans would have regarded the nomination with satisfaction?

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