

Democratic National Chairman, Barnum, Kicks.

Chairman Barnum, of the Democratic National Committee, has been in Washington looking over the situation and conferring with his political friends and advisers.

There is no end to the follies of our leaders in some things," he said. "I do not wish to be considered in their councils or approving of their course. That free-trade message from the White House, if I may be allowed the expression, was a case of super-servicable zeal which was inexplicable and unnecessary. I know that a large body of Democrats in positions of leadership or office are not sound on the American doctrine of legislating for the benefit of our own producers in their home market, but until now we have been able to prevent them from doing any harm.

BOSS SCOTT'S BLUNDER.

In referring to William L. Scott he said: "Now, there is Mr. Scott. He is not even a regular member of the National Committee. As the substitute for Mr. Wallace, who is a sagacious, conservative and able politician, he appeared in the committee and assumed to dictate its course. It was said that Mr. Wallace was ill and therefore the substitution. It looked to me as if there were a more potential condition precedent to his being there. At all events, he was there. He claimed to speak for and represent the Administration and so befogged the real interests in view that action was taken which was both impolitic and unwise.

"I do not know that Mr. Scott was wholly to blame. He claimed to represent someone else, but he might have known that an early convention would be suicidal to the interests of the Democratic party in the coming campaign. That was the sense of the committee as shown by the defeat of Mr. Scott's schemes in the first instance by fixing the date at July 4, instead of June 5. We also remember that it took a whole night, with all the influence of the Administration, to reverse the action taken. We all know whence the influence came to cause a sufficient number of the committee to reverse the action in the first instance and adopt the earlier date. I said then, and I repeat now, that an early date would not be the best thing to do. It would give our political opponents a whole month for deliberation upon our plans for the campaign, and to take advantage of our mistakes. But Mr. Scott thought there was nothing in that and he had his way. I have no doubt by this time he feels that he would like it some other way."

THE NATIONAL CHAIRMANSHIP.

"There is some talk of making him National Chairman?" "I have no objection to that if the Democratic party wishes to run such a campaign as now seems inevitable. If the issues of the campaign and its methods of management are to be of his direction, then he ought to manage the fight and be held responsible for results. I surely do not wish to see a campaign planned on any such political folly as seems to have hold of him. I know one thing certainly, that on such a platform as he proposes the Democratic party cannot carry the State of Connecticut for the Democratic candidate. If our convention had been called for a date after the Republicans, it would have been better for us. We would then have before our eyes just what line of policy our opponents propose to pursue. There is also a great advantage in knowing who your opponent will be. I hardly think that that would have made any difference in the nomination of Mr. Cleveland, but still it would have

been a satisfaction to know who the Republicans had chosen.

THE TARIFF-BILL FOLLY.

On the two revenue reduction bills Mr. Barnum said: "The Mills bill is practically based upon the message of the President; therefore, what would apply to one would answer for the other. Both are impolitic and put the issue in such a shape that we cannot get away from it. I thought we had a fair field and a certain race. It is now surrounded by uncertainty. The Randall bill more sagaciously reflects the views of the people. The Mills bill may meet the views of the mass of the people of the party, but the Randall bill comes nearer the views of the people. The Randall bill has no chance of even a respectful hearing in committee. It may figure in the House with considerable energy. It looks as if it were very doubtful whether any action can be reached on the Mills or any other bills by the date of the meeting of the convention at St. Louis. See what an attitude we will be in then. Formulating a platform upon a subject suspended in doubt. Our opponents can then point to imbecility or anything else they choose to call it. I think the early convention chickens will come home to roost earlier and in greater bodies than was anticipated."

The National Chairman had talks with Senator Brown, of Georgia; Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky; Senator Voorhees, of Indiana, and others in the Senate and many Democrats in the House. There are hints that "Barnum's mules" are to be trotted out and that there will be some vigorous kicking before the political lines of the Democracy are planted for the fray of the ballot.

THE Democrats of Pennsylvania who, in some of their county conventions, are "unqualifiedly approving of the tariff policy of the President, as expressed in his message," are laying the foundation for a great deal of amusement with themselves in the future. It is unusual, very, for Pennsylvania Democrats to indulge in Free-trade declarations, and they are doing it this year at the expense of the position which they have heretofore occupied. It is in obedience to the demands of power, however, which has changed the party organs and the party camp followers alike, and shows either that they have trifled with the people in the past or that they are trifling with them now. Later in the year, when the Democratic Free-trade policy has been condemned by the people, we shall see these obedient organs and spoils-seekers climbing over on the other side of the fence in a great panic.

W. H. ANDREWS of Titusville, at present one of the secretaries, announces himself as a candidate for the office of Chairman of the Republican State Committee, so ably filled for the past seven by Senator Cooper. Mr. Andrews will likely get a support from the western portion of the State, and would doubtless acceptably fill the place, but whether it is good politics to make a change on the eve of an important campaign, or in other words, "trade horses while crossing a stream," is a question which the approaching Convention must weigh and decide with much caution.

THE Savannah Morning News is a straight up and down Democratic organ of established character and tried ability, but that does not prevent it from stating that "it is very sad to have to confess the fact, but every day is making it more apparent that the Republican administration of the Post-office Department in this part of the country was much better than what our friends the Democrats are giving us." The News will probably be stricken from "My Love" Dickens's exchange list for this bit of impertinence.

AS IN ante-bellum days, the South now gets the lion's share in the distribution of benefits by Congress. Of the nearly twenty millions of dollars appropriated by the River and Harbor bill, nine millions go to thirteen Southern States. Kentucky gets more than all New England. There is nothing surprising in this, however. The South remains true to the Democracy, and she must be paid for her fealty.

THE announcement that Jefferson Davis is writing another book has excited considerable curiosity concerning the work. We need not be surprised to hear that Mr. Davis will argue that the war resulted in a draw and use the present ascendancy of the old slave states in the Federal Government to prove it.

SOME of Congressman Scott's friends say that it cost him a pile of money and the Administration a good deal of patronage to get the Democratic State Committee out of Congressman Randall's hands. Others deny this. Mr. Scott pays the money and you take your choice.—Phila. Press.

W. C. T. U. COLUMN.

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Who unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth the bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also.—Hab. II, 15.

The wicked worketh a deceitful work; but to him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward.—Rev. II, 18.

THE DEVIL'S WAGES.

"There is a man down below who was arrested for being drunk, but he is getting his punishment from the devil, and so I had the charge dismissed," said Lieut. Lloyd, one day, at the Chicago Avenue police station, to a reporter. "Come down and look at him."

The broad shouldered lieutenant led the way down the stairs, and along the row of cells, stopping in front of a grated door, through which a woe-fraught face was peering. The face was workless and boyish, but was twisted with agony and covered with blood. The hands of this wild looking young prisoner were wrenching at the bars with their utmost strength. The officer explained the sight in one work: "Snakes!"

"Isn't it horrible?" continued the officer to the reporter, in a low voice. "That boy is nineteen years old, and has the delirium tremens for the third time. 'Harry,' addressing the sufferer, 'how are you?'"

The prisoner looked up, and ceased tearing at the bars for an instant. "Come up and have a drink," he said, in a cordial tone, a fearful smile coming to his blood-crusted lips.

"All right," said Lieut. Lloyd, cheerfully. "But, Harry, see here; remember you are working for me, and I don't want you to work too hard. How much did I tell you I would pay you?"

"Seven dollars a day." "So I did. But sit down, and I'll bring you your dinner."

But no amount of persuasion would induce him to stop for an instant in his terrible, self-imposed task of wrenching at the bars.

"I pushed all the other fellows through there," the sufferer said, as his visitors were departing. He pointed to a small hole in the roof of his cell.

"Yes, I did, but I gave them all a drink first."

This is what strong drink does to the sons of tender mothers, and yet people will license men to deal out the maddening draught. "How long, O Lord, how long?"

Another straw most significant of the direction of the wind has lately appeared in a resolution presented to the Masonic Grand Lodge of Quebec at its late session on the 20th of Jany. 1888. It is as follows: "No saloon keeper, restaurant keeper who sells spirituous liquors or tavern keeper or bar tender shall be eligible to be made or become a member of the fraternity of Freemasons in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. That any member of the fraternity of Freemasons in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge becoming a saloon keeper, restaurant keeper selling spirituous or intoxicating liquors or tavern keeper or bar tender, shall hereafter be deemed, on proof thereof, to be guilty of a Masonic offence, the punishment of which shall be suspension or expulsion from the fraternity and erasure of his name from the roll of his own lodge and Grand Lodge."

"Every man," says John B. Gough, "becomes a drunkard by trying to imitate moderate drinkers. All men believe they can drink without going to excess. My father was a moderate drinker, and lived till he was eighty-four years old. You say that is an encouragement for moderate drinkers. Is it? I knew a man in Washington twenty-two years old, who had carried two bullets in him from the war of 1812. Go get two bullets in you and see if you can stand it! My father was a moderate drinker; but I could not be a moderate drinker any more than I could discharge a gun slowly. See that man swinging on a scaffold 110 feet high. Could you do it? I could not. I would go down so rapidly I would not have time to say, as the man falling from the eleventh story said to the man at the fourth story: 'I am having an awful fall!'"

Don't you believe that I can buy a glass of liquor in any town in Maine?" asked a smart drummer of a down east farmer, who replied: "Young man, you can doubtless find the way to bell from any town in Maine. We do the best we can not to keep the doors wide open."

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

THE Southern journals are demanding that the late Chief Justice Waite's successor shall come from that section. Why of course. And by all means have him of the same mental calibre and moral fibre as Lamar. Have him a crank and a bully, and if he also agrees with Lamar that a part of the Constitution is not constitutional all the better. As the people of the country were weak enough to elect Cleveland, it is no more than right that they should be punished.—Harrisburg Telegraph.

MRS. PARSONS, the Chicago Anarchist, informs her New York hearers that her mission is "to sow discontent." That being so, there is a general agreement to let her rip.



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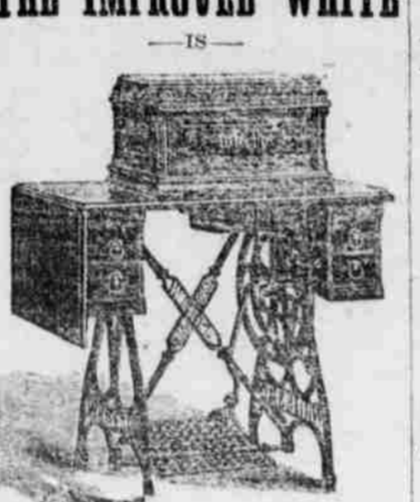
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