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Cleveland's Letter.

Cleveland's letter of acceptance, which has been delayed all these months, was finally given to the public on Sunday, and appears in Monday morning papers. It is the same old story—a veritable rehash of his last December message—except that he endeavors to excuse much that he said in that free trade document, with a ridiculous attempt to convince intelligent people that he and his party don't mean free trade. It is a pitiful and sickening bid for votes that should be far beneath the dignity of the President of sixty millions of people, and proves that while elevated to the office of President he has never grown above the level, in statesmanship, of the average ward politician. The Pittsburgh Com.-Gazette thus does up the missive in a few words:

At no period in his career has Mr. Cleveland so signally emphasized the shallowness of his claims either to the dignity of a statesman or the sincerity of a reformer as he has done in his letter of acceptance. As a purely public document it is a disappointment; as a political issue it is a failure. Ignoring wholly his declaration made four years ago, that a President should not accept a second term, Mr. Cleveland enters upon a tiresome resume of his former utterances on tariff, labor and pensions, with a paragraph thrown in on the fisheries' question, so ridiculously out of proportion to the magnitude to which he attempts to force that issue that it can only be interpreted as a confession of weakness. His tariff utterances on this occasion are a mere repetition of the prelates he indulged in upon the same subject in the recent past, while the effect of his apology to American workmen that "we have entered upon no crusade of free trade" is in the next few sentences contradicted and wiped out by the declaration in favor of free raw material.

Mr. Cleveland's meaningless declarations regarding civil-service reform, and his failure to suggest a remedy for reducing the surplus, are too lightly spoken of in the face of the expression of "a generous regard and care for our surviving soldiers and sailors, and for the widows and orphans of such as have died." The bitter irony of this can only be felt by those who have fought and suffered, and whose growing infirmities have been made the sport of pension-clerk veto messages.

When the great Roger Q. Mills declares in one breath that he and his fellow Democrats are not in favor of Free Trade, and in the next that they "propose to wipe out the present tariff," as he did at New Haven last week, it is about time to call for maps and diagrams of the eminent Texan's meaning. Mr. Mills may at times be able to ride two horses at once, but he can't do it if they are moving in opposite directions.

The Erie Democrats are begging Representative Scott to stand for reelection, and in spite of his refusal the chances are that he will finally consent. Colonel Scott's coyness is merely feigned and his bar'l is as ambitious as ever.

W. L. SCOTT has been re-nominated in the Erie-Crawford district for Congress, "agin his will," as usual, and many of the "organs" of this section are pretending to wonder "if he will accept." Accept? Why, to be sure he will. Have people got so silly as not to recognize one of the Great Bill's tricks when they see it. Mr. Scott's declines are the kind that don't decline.

20,000 MAJ. IN MAINE!



NO FLIES ON THIS COON!

There's no flies on Maine this year! At the election held in that State on Monday the Republicans swept everything before them, achieving the grandest victory since the days of Lincoln. Mr. Blaine telegraphs General Harrison that the Republican candidate for Governor, Edwin C. Burleigh, will have more than 20,000 majority over the Democratic candidate—the largest majority since 1868. Considering the fact that the Democrats have had their heaviest campaign artillery, and most potent "ammunition," public pap, at work there for the past month, and that Cleveland's fish message was sent out for special service in that State, his verdict is one of great significance. The Democrats only hoped to keep the Republican majority below 10,000, and labored solely with that end in view. They felt sure of doing it, and readily agreed that a majority of 15,000 or more for the Republicans meant a severe rebuke to the free trade administration. They now have that rebuke with compound interest. Hurray for Harrison, Morton and Protection! She's workin' nicely.

VERMONT AND ARKANSAS.

COMPLETE returns from all towns of Vermont give Dillingham (Rep.), 48,380; Shurtleff (Dem.), 19,426; Prohibitionist, 1,299, and scattering, 6. Dillingham's plurality, 28,954; majority over all, 27,659. This is the largest Republican majority ever given in Vermont. The Republican net gain as compared with 1884, is 5,809. This is in striking contrast with the result in Arkansas, where the Democrats were making great claims of big majorities, when the facts show that their majority will be scarcely over 10,000, as against 17,000 at the last election, which was an off year. The tariff did it all, and it wouldn't surprise us to see Arkansas go Republican in November.

The President's Juggle.

When the President's fishery message appeared the Press charged that it was a mere electioneering trick, designed to drag a great international question into the dust of a presidential canvass and begot voters with a false issue, when on the real issue of the canvass Free Trade was defeated. Three days ago the Press published the proof of this charge in a Washington despatch, stating that:

Simultaneously with the transmission of the President's recent retaliation message to Congress a private communication was transmitted by the Government of the United States to the British Government at London, assuring it that it need have no anxiety as to any official action that would be taken under the authority that the President had asked of Congress if it should be granted. Assurance was given that the United States would furnish no casus belli in connection with these matters.

Three days have passed since this grave assertion was made over the signature of the Washington correspondent of the Press—Mr. Zebulon L. White. It has not been denied. It will not be denied. It can not be denied. Secretary Bayard is well aware of its truth, however surprised he may have been to see the private and personal intimation he conveyed to London on behalf of the President published to all the world. He knows its truth, and denial would be dangerous. Mr. White's name carried conviction of the accuracy of this despatch to every reader familiar with his reputation and to every journalist acquainted with his accurate and painstaking work as a correspondent.

From such a sudden change England had a right to expect everything and on it her Government the right to put the most serious construction. A European power ready for war would hardly have used stronger language of a foreign nation in an official and domestic communication from the head of the state, and a country characterized as Great Britain was in the message would have a right to ask and undoubtedly would have energetically asked for adequate explanation of this astonishing change and unusual attitude. England has not. The cause is clear. These explanations have been already given. They reached the

Foreign Office in London as soon as the message did the Senate. Lord Salisbury was enlightened with the secret of the trick which the Great Presidential Conjuror was performing on the American stage. With unspcakable lack of dignity, President Cleveland has stooped to take into his confidence a foreign power while he is attempting to hoodwink the American people. He deems it safe to use his sheet-iron thunder on the American gallery, but he deems it safer to tell the English Minister that this is after all nothing but stage thunder. He curdles the blood of the American audience by leveling his weapon at his titled friend in the box, but he reassures him in a stage whisper, heard across the Atlantic, that it is not loaded. It was not. It was never meant for use. The message is a sham. Having power to retaliate President Cleveland has not used it, and when he has more he will not use that. England knows this and Canada is aware of it. But the trick will fail. It has failed. The disguise is too transparent. The motive is too plain. The American voter knows something. Day by day the astonishing message in which the President aimed at Great Britain so as to bring down the American vote is seen to be the sham it is. We wish it were nothing more. We wish it were not accompanied by the insufferable disgrace of this juggle with a foreign power. We should prefer, as we said when it appeared, to believe an American president sincere in his defense of American rights by what ever reversal of his own policy he reached this position. But his own arts betray him. The fact unearched in our Washington despatch proves his real position and lays bare his desire to divert attention from the issue on which he has failed in his appeal to the country and on which every poll of the people shows his failure to be more and more overwhelming. He will fail here as he has failed on the broader issue of Protection and Free Trade. He has degraded his high office for naught. He has stooped in vain. He stands exposed at home and abroad as the trickster he is. He might have been defeated with honor, but when all the story of the Fisheries Message comes to be told defeat will be joined with disgrace.—Phila. Press.

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To American ears the whole message (Mr. Cleveland's) must be redolent of Cobdenism in a slightly modified form. The governing issue of the contest will lie between Protection and Free Trade.—London Standard.

Nothing in American politics is more obvious than that Mr. Cleveland's message sounded the death-knell of Protection.—London News.

I urge that Germany has now reached that point where it is necessary to imitate the tariff system of the United States.—Prince Bismarck.

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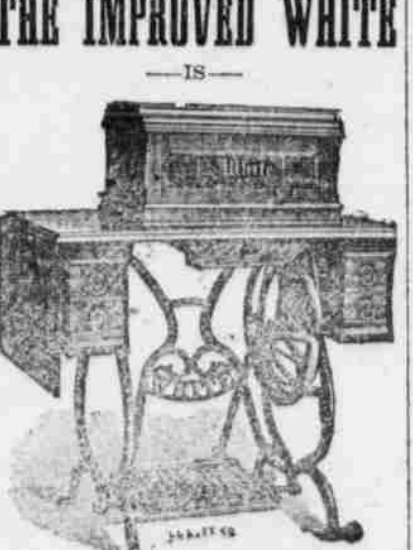
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