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CLEVELAND SAID HE WOULD RESIGN

How He Is Reported to Have Met Tammany's Demands For Pledges.

HE REPLIED BY LETTER, OFFERING TO GET OFF THE TICKET.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—In spite of denials from Richard Croker, Edward Murphy, Jr., and other representatives, Thomas G. Sherman still maintains the truth of what he said at the single tax banquet on Wednesday night in regard to pledges demanded from Mr. Cleveland by Lieutenant-Governor Sheehan.

"There is no question," said Mr. Sheehan to me to-day, "that a deliberate attempt was made at the Victoria Hotel dinner by Lieutenant-Governor Sheehan to force Mr. Cleveland into making promises and concessions to the machine leaders which would have been very embarrassing to him in his administration. There is no doubt such was the case."

"But Mr. Croker and Mr. Murphy declare positively that Lieutenant-Governor Sheehan never asked anything of the sort, and they were both present at the dinner."

"While I was put under no bonds of secrecy regarding the facts themselves, I was made to promise that I would not divulge the names of my informants. But, see here, I am not the only person who knows that what I said in my speech is true. The editor of the Brooklyn Eagle knows it, and so, I judge, does Murat Halsted."

"What I affirm is an open secret among leading Democratic politicians, who have known the facts for weeks, just as I have, but did not feel at liberty to speak until the ice was broken by the Brooklyn Eagle. Such being the case, the denials of a hundred Crokers and Murphys would go for nothing."

"Is it true, Mr. Sheehan, that a letter was written to Mr. Cleveland by some of the Democratic managers telling him that he could not be elected unless he would pledge himself to them to do certain things?"

"Certainly that is true. The letter was written before the dinner at the Victoria Hotel, as I know perfectly well when I addressed the Single Tax Club, although Murat Halsted seems to think that I did not."

MAY BE BUMPED BY A BIG COMET.

A Huge, Fiery Monster Rapidly Coming This Way.

SEE? WILL APPEAR MANY TIMES LARGER THAN A FULL MOON.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—If the comet discovered by Holmes on the night of November 6 really proves to be part of the lost comet of Biela, some astronomers now believe the "hairy star" will be a very close neighbor of ours on November 27, the date of its nearest approach to the earth.

It is not likely to hit us, but even if it does it will get the worst of the crash. Far from doing any damage, the collision would furnish a magnificent display of celestial fireworks such as the crash on November 27, 1832, when the earth was crossing the old track of the lost comet, and again in November, 1886, when the earth once more cut through the comet's path.

VERY CLOSE TO EARTH. It is not, however, by any means certain that the mysterious wanderer whirling directly toward us with appalling velocity from the depths of space is Biela's comet. All the can at present be said is that it appears to be traveling in the direction taken by Biela's.

Not enough observations have so far been made to give with any accuracy the intruder's orbit. Professor Herberich's statement made to the world from Berlin November 10, that its orbit was the same as that of Biela's, has been contradicted. Professor Pickering's views, but is not absolutely sure.

Biela's comet is particularly interesting to us because its orbit lies within a few thousand miles of the earth, so close according to Professor Young, of Princeton, that if the comet and the earth were to arrive at the nearest point at the same time there would be a collision, the earth passing through the outer portion of the opponent's head.

THE MOON ISN'T IN IT. Professor Bosc, from what he has seen of it, is convinced that there is likely to be a very close approach between the comet and the earth. He estimates the outside nearness of the comet to be 36,000 miles, which shows it to be a monster of the largest size. It has moreover been authoritatively stated that the comet is now approaching the earth so rapidly that within a short time it will appear in the heavens many times larger than the diameter of the full moon.

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