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THE WASHINGTON LETTER

While delegates to the St. Louis convention are being instructed for Parker, Olney, Hearst and others, and many are talking of Gorman as a possible candidate, there is but one man thought of by the republican delegates for Chicago, and he is the President. His nomination by acclamation is now assured, for practically there is no opposition in the party. All that remains to be done after the nomination is for the voters to go to the ballot box. In vain have the democrats, in and out of Congress, tried to pierce the republican armor, not a seam can be found. On the whole the democrats in this Congress have by their votes endorsed the measure of the republican party, while at the same time clamoring loudly for investigations, for reducing appropriations, and having much to say about fraud, violation of law, disregard of precedent, et cetera. In the end they have voted for all the measures proposed, and have been unable to present a solid resisting front on any question. This is a great compliment to the honesty and ability of the republican party. Indeed, things have got to such a pass that the leader of the minority in the House, John Sharp Williams, announces that the party cry in the coming campaign will be "Anything to beat Roosevelt." A translation of this would be: "Anything to elect a democrat," and this is what may be expected as the months roll by. But such an appeal will not convince the masses; for them the President is the ideal man—plain, blunt, honest; one who would sit up nights, to guard and protect the interests of the country and promote the welfare of the people.

The Senate spent most of the last day of March in speechmaking about alleged postoffice frauds, the 62-year pension order, the protective tariff, and cognate questions. The debate was carried on by Senators Penrose, Pa.; McCree, Ky.; Dilliver, Ia.; and Heyburn of Idaho. Nothing new was elicited, and only expressions of opinion were given. Mr. Heyburn doubted the constitutional right of one-oro-ordinate branch of the government to investigate another independent branch. He said it is the duty of the special inspectors to investigate the departments, and not the duty of Congress. Mr. Dilliver ably and vigorously defended the President and Postmaster General Payne.

The President wishes the postmaster general to remain where he is, and if his health permits he will do so.—The rumors that have been circulating that the President wanted \$50,000 to build a stable and \$50,000 to refurnish the White House for the ensuing year, have been denied by him. He has never asked for any such sums. The estimates were prepared by Col. T. W. Symons, in his "odd moments," and were not submitted to the President. He says \$35,000 is ample to keep the White House running for another year.—A pet crow at the White House predicts the weather with great accuracy and has the weather bureau forecasts "skinned to death." It caws just before a storm; goes to sleep if there is danger of "increasing cloudiness," and hops about right lively with a rising barometer. The President now throws the weather map and the forecast card into the waste basket.—Hundreds of New England school teachers and normal pupils have been in the city the past week, and all of them shook hands with the President.—The President will send 200 marines to St. Louis to guard the exposition.

Dr. Lindsay, the Porto Rico Commissioner of Education, is in Washington to consult with the President about fetching from that island 600 school teachers next July for two months education in summer schools. The President has promised an army transport to bring and carry back the teachers. Congress has consented to their free transportation under certain restrictions. The entire cost will be \$60,000. The teachers will visit this city, Boston, New York and Philadelphia, and perhaps Chicago and St. Louis. They are enthusiastic over the proposed visit, and over 400 have agreed to give a month's salary towards paying expenses.

The Panama canal commission has left Washington and sailed for the isthmus. Sanitary experts went along. Admiral Walker thinks that it will take two months to make a preliminary examination. Gen. Davis, who is to be the governor of the zone, considers the labor problem as very serious. The government of Isthmian proposes to get some of the spoils, and will not allow the negroes of that island to depart for the isthmus unless they pay a poll tax of \$25. The southern states do not wish to spare any negroes, as they are all needed to raise the immense cotton crop which is being planted. The proposition to import 40,000 coolies meets with opposition.

Senator Newlands has the satisfaction of seeing his bill for the protection of the Mail in Washington pass the Senate. It will be offered in the House as an amendment to some bill and will undoubtedly pass. This will block the secretary of agriculture from placing his new building in front of the Washington monument. His intention to encroach upon the Mall aroused great opposition throughout the country.—In the near future the Government will spend here nearly fifty millions of dollars for which the appropriations have already been made, upon new buildings, bridges and other improvements. All property is rising in value in this city.

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