

Our Washington Letter.

From our regular correspondent. Washington, June 1, 1888.

At the present writing General Sheridan's condition is again very critical, and ere this reaches you, you will probably have heard of his death.

His improvement of the few past days was a decided one, but suddenly there was an alarming change, and this time the heart trouble has returned complicated with a congestion of the lungs.

Two days ago there seemed to be some chance that the General might pull through and the soldiers were congratulating themselves Wednesday (Memorial Day) that they were spared one melancholy duty which two days before seemed an inevitable part of the Decoration day programme.

General Sheridan has faced death many times and in many shapes during his adventurous career, but probably never came into such close quarters with the great destroyer as during his present illness.

Notwithstanding the forbidding weather, which becomes a theme of absorbing interest on Memorial Day, the graves of the soldiers who sleep on the hillsides of Arlington Congressional Soldiers Home, and other cemeteries around the Capital city were remembered, and the usual annual exercises were carried out.

The District Militia and the G. A. R. united in an unusually attractive parade in spite of the prospects of a wetting.

As usual the exercises consisted in decorating the graves with flowers, in orations, the reading of poems, music and prayer. At the Soldiers Home ceremonies, while a prayer was being offered for General Sheridan, every head was bowed.

The orators of the day were Senators Palmer of Michigan, Manderson, of Nebraska, General Brown, of Indiana and Representative McKinney, of New Hampshire.

A long session of Congress is predicted. It is the opinion of some prominent members of Congress that the tariff bill cannot be brought to a final vote in the House before the middle of July, and then if the Senate should conclude to consider it, it would be some time in August before the bill could be returned to the House, and then a conference committee would have to consider it.

So from this standpoint it will be September before Congress can adjourn. Since the Mills tariff bill reached its crisis its consideration by sections or a final vote as it stands, the republicans have cautioned many times with-out being able to frame a substitute for the bill that would be satisfactory to the party.

Therefore they decided to proceed by way of obstructing and delaying the bill. Two other things they decided upon, that they would have the Blair Education bill and all the general pension bills on the calendar brought up for consideration as early as possible.

The end of the contest for secret executive sessions came on Monday last when by a vote of twenty-two against twenty-one, a strict party vote the republicans decided that the Sherman treaty should be discussed in open session, with open doors and crowded galleries. The debate on this question has been hot through-out the half term sessions behind closed doors which it has occupied, and Monday it was hotter than ever.

Sherman's motive in turning the matter over to the open session was plainly told that Mr. Sherman was at the bottom of the whole open session movement, and that his candidacy for the Presidential nomination was the main spring of his action.

The recent talk about nominating Judge Thurman for Vice-President recalls the fact that every occupant of that place who was more than sixty years old when elected has died in office. The list is limited to five, and all the names are well known to readers of American history—Clinton, Gerry, King, Wilson, and Hendricks. If elected, Judge Thurman would be seventy-five years old within a few days of his election, and, hence, as regards the probabilities of his survival would have fifteen years on the wrong side of the account.

However, the Judge has doubtless put a stop to any further discussion of his eligibility to any public office by his recent statements. If the people believe me to be an honest man they will let me alone and all I want now is a seat in heaven.

THE MAN FOR THE PEOPLE.

Cleveland Again Called Upon to Lead His Party to Victory.

HE IS NOMINATED BY ACCLAMATION.

Thurman Nominated Vice-President by Acclamation after the First Ballot.

CLEVELAND NOMINATED.

When Alabama was called the chairman said his state desired to give way to New York. The convention applauded at this announcement, and when the New York delegation presented Daniel Dougherty to make the nomination the great hall rang with cheers, which were prolonged and grew in volume for nearly a minute, until Mr. Dougherty mounted the platform, when it was redoubled. As soon as he could be heard, Mr. Dougherty said:

THE NOMINATION SPEECH.

I greet you, my countrymen, with fraternal regard; in your presence I bow to the majority of the people; the right itself is inspiring, the thought sublime. You come from every state and territory, from every nook and corner of our ocean-bound continent covering country. You are about to discharge a more than imperial duty, with simplest ceremonies. You, as representatives of the people, are to choose a magistrate, with power mightier than a monarch, yet checked and controlled by the supreme law of a written constitution.

Thus impressed, I ascend the rostrum to name the next President of the United States. New York presents him to the convention, and pledges her electoral vote. Delegations from the 28 states and all the territories are assembled without caucus or consultation ready simultaneously to take up the cry and make the vote unanimous. We are here not indeed to choose a candidate, but to name the one the people have already chosen. He is the man for the people; his career illustrates the glory of our institutions. Eight years ago unknown save in his own locality he for the last four has stood in the gaze of the world discharging the most exalted duties that can be confided to a mortal.

DEMAND BY THE COUNTRY.

To-day determines that not of his own choice but by the mandate of his countrymen and with the sanction of Heaven he shall fill the Presidency for four years more. He has met and mastered every question as if from youth trained to statesmanship. The promises of his letter of acceptance and inaugural address have been fulfilled. His fidelity in the past inspires faith in the future.

He is not a hope. He is a realization. Scorning subterfuge, disdaining re-election by concealing convictions, mindful of his oath of office to defend the constitution, he courageously declares to Congress, dropping minor matters, that the supreme issue is reform, revision, reduction of national taxation; that the Treasury of the United States, glutted with unneeded gold, oppresses industry, embarrasses business, endangers financial tranquility and breeds extravagance, centralization and corruption; that high taxation, vital for the expenditures of an unparalleled war, is robbery in years of prosperity; that the millions that pour into the treasury come from the hard-earned savings of the American people; that in violation of equality of rights the present tariff has created a privileged class, who, shaping legislation for their personal gain, levy by law contributions for the necessities of life from every man, woman and child in the land; that to lower the tariff is not free trade—it is to reduce the unjust profits of monopolists, boss manufacturers and allow consumers to retail the rest. The man who asserts that to lower the tariff means trade in results intelligence. We brand him as a falsifier. It is further from thought to imperil capital or disturb enterprise. The aim is to uphold wages and protect the rights of all.

This administration has rescued the public domain from would-be barons and corrupt corporations, faithful to obligations, and reserved it for free homes for this and coming generations.

NO JOBBERY NOW. There is no pilfering. There are no jobs under this administration. Public office is a public trust. Integrity stands guard as every post of our vast empire. While the President has been the medium through which has flowed the undying gratitude of the republic for her soldiers, he has not hesitated to withhold approval from special legislation if strictest inquiry revealed a want of truth and justice.

Above all, sectional strife as never before is at an end, and 60,000,000 freemen in the ties of brotherhood are prosperous and happy.

THE VICTORIES OF THE ADMINISTRATION. These are the achievements of this administration. Under the same illustrious leader we are ready to meet our political opponents in high and honorable debate and stake our triumph on the intelligence, virtue and patriotism of the people. Adhering to the constitution, in every line and letter, ever remembering that "Powers not delegated to the United States by the states are reserved to the states respectively or to the people," by the authority of the Democracy of New York, backed by the Democracy of the entire Union, I give you a name entwined with victory. I nominate Grover Cleveland, of New York.

WILD ENTHUSIASM. Mr. Dougherty's speech was delivered with fine effect, in his best style, and aroused unbounded enthusiasm.

When he mentioned the name of Grover Cleveland or referred to his public acts and utterances the convention fairly shouted itself hoarse. The delegates mounted the chairs, waved their hats, their canes and handkerchiefs. The 10,000 spectators joined in the applause and the band in the east gallery helped along, with horns and drums, but their blare and noise could scarcely be heard above the general din.

As Mr. Dougherty finished his impassioned speech some one in the west gallery tore aside a curtain which had hid a portrait of Cleveland upon the face of the great picture of the Capitol building, revealing to the gaze of the convention the well-known features of the President.

This incident aroused the enthusiasm of the convention to a fever heat for the first time during the proceedings. The hall was at once filled with cheer on cheer and the great body of people in the auditorium, balcony and galleries arose and stood shouting at the top of its voice until the din became almost deafening. Hats were thrown in the air, red banners waved by a thousand hands, and white, black and gray hats were frantically thrust upon the points of canes and waved until the owners became exhausted.

THE NOMINATION REPEATED. After the storm had at length been quieted, James A. McKennie, of Kentucky, took the stand to second the nomination of Grover Cleveland. There was, he said, within the broad limits of this great land but one more popular Democrat than Grover Cleveland, and that was the queenly woman he had made his wife. [Laughter and loud and long-continued applause.] The White House was presided over by the uncraved queen of our republic. He (McKennie) was not going to let Mrs. Cleveland out of this campaign. *In hoc signo vinces.* [Applause.]

In the last convention it was said that Cleveland was loved for the promise he had made; later it was said that he was loved for the reason that he was loved for the message he had written. [Applause.] Kentucky loved him for the fight that was in him; and for his splendid racing qualities. He was as good as Lexington and as speedy as Ten Broeck. [Laughter and applause.]

In his early form he won the Buffalo mayoralty stakes, hands down; later he cantered from post to pole in the New York handicap, a winner by 100,000 feet. [Laughter.] He then entered against the Florentine Mosaic from Mainz, and won the National Derby by a neck. He was about to run again, and the bulletin-board would show: "Rollips first and the rest nowhere."

Mr. McKennie then eulogized Mr. Cleveland's administration in a pleasant manner which secured for him much laughter and applause.

Mr. H. D. D. Twigg, of Georgia, also seconded Mr. Cleveland's nomination. He said that the great State of Georgia is proud to second the name of Grover Cleveland. Monopoly has said to the South: "You are poor, build up your industries. Protection has made us rich; it will also make you rich." Georgia has sent back her answer from a million speakers. We say that we do not care to get rich by making the poor of the nation poorer.

The call of states was then continued, and by Illinois was represented by W. R. Morrison arose, and, being recognized by the convention, received an enthusiastic greeting. He merely desired to formally second the nomination in behalf of the State of Illinois. Kansas responded with a written second, commending Cleveland's administration. Michigan was represented by H. D. Stout, who voiced the sentiments of his delegation in seconding the nomination.

When Missouri was called there were loud and long-continued cries for Vest, but the Senator failed to respond, and when New York was reached a similar complement was tendered to F. W. Johnson, but he likewise declined to make a speech.

W. W. Lightfoot, of Texas, seconded the nomination on behalf of his state, and promised a Democratic majority of 200,000 at the next election.

CROWDED WITH LAURELS. Some one on the stage crossed the bust of the President on the left of the chairman with a laurel wreath, which was the signal for even a wilder burst of shouts and cheers than before. Although the band of 60 pieces was in full blast all this time, not a sound from its trumpets could be heard.

The climax of this great scene was reached when the banners of all the states were borne by the delegates to the New York standard and draped about it. At this the enthusiasm was unbounded. Spectators and delegates tore the red, white and blue blighting from the pillars and from the face of the balconies, waving these improvised banners all through the hall for ten minutes. This remarkable outburst did not cease until everybody was absolutely exhausted. It was exactly 24 minutes before the chair was able to regain control of the convention.

ONE GREAT SHOUT OF YEA. Mr. McKennie, of Kentucky, moved to suspend the rules and to nominate Grover Cleveland for President by acclamation. The chair put the question, and there was returned from the convention a thundering chorus of yea. The chair, therefore, announced that Grover Cleveland, having received a unanimous vote was the candidate of the Democratic party for the office of President of the United States.

When the nomination of Cleveland was announced by the chairman another scene of wild enthusiasm occurred in the convention, but the delegates and spectators were too nearly exhausted to sustain so prolonged a scene as that which followed Mr. Dougherty's speech.

LOCALS AND GENERAL NEWS.

CALLED FROM THE COUNTY AND ELSEWHERE.

House cleaning is the order of the day and in many homes has closed its annual visit. Grain of all kind is flourishing and vegetables are maturing rapidly on account of the seasonable weather.

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Clubs, bachelors and old maids are increasing steadily in this county, and the only thing that can check the increase is a more general boom in matrimony.

It is said that sassafras bushes put in the chicken house will free it from chicken lice, and green elder bushes will destroy cockroaches. Try these simple remedies and you will find them effective.

The army worm has made its appearance in Piney Neck and Barclay's Island. It is destroying both corn and wheat. The farmers are busy ditching to head off their progress, and to destroy them.

The ladies of St. Luke's Church, Wye Parish, will hold a festival at Embert's Hall, Queenstown, this evening. An abundant supper will be served and all the delicacies of the season will be offered in an attractive form. The friends of the church and the public are cordially invited to attend.

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An eclipse of the moon will occur on the night of July 23, and will be more interesting than the one of January 28. The diameter of the earth's shadow will be much larger at that time in proportion to the diameter of the moon, darkening the surface more totally. It will take place at midnight, when the moon is higher in the heavens, and it will be visible in this section.

The County Commissioners advertise for proposals to build a bridge across the Three Bridge fork of Corsica river. The bridge is to be located at a point between the residence of Capt C. H. Clash and the property of Capt John Ozmon, now occupied by Thos. H. Sheubrick, Esq., and runs across the river to the field of Hon. Wm. T. Turpin, to connect with a new road dividing the lands of Mr. Turpin and Mr. J. W. Watson. This bridge has been sought after for a long time, and it now looks as if it was to be built.

It has been predicted that the coming summer will be a mild one. Of course we may expect some warm weather, but extremely hot days will be rare, and there will be but few thunder storms and severe winds, so the knowing ones say. It is claimed by many meteorologists that when there are numerous spots on the sun there is much disturbance upon the earth, an more extremely hot weather than when the sun spots are not so numerous. Every seventh year the spots almost disappear, and this is the seventh year. It is claimed that these spots indicate great internal disturbance and tornadoes on the sun, which cause the sun to send out more heat.

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