

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent. WASHINGTON, June 27, '92. The president has had no idle time recently. Besides his important official duties he has been devoting considerable time conferring with members of the national republican committee, which will be in session here the greater part of this week making arrangements for the coming fight. He finds all of the members of the committee confident of winning, although aware the party will have to fight to do it. The nomination of Cleveland and Stevenson hardly rattle a ripple at the white house. The president is a believer in the observance of official courtesy, and will not express any opinion for publication; but your correspondent often happens to know that Mr. Harrison was very much gratified at the nomination of Mr. Cleveland, and very much more so at the adoption of the tariff plank in the platform, which tears the mask from the democratic face and discloses the hideous features of free trade.

The rumor that Judge George V. Massey, of Delaware, had been tendered the vacancy on the bench of the supreme court is again revived. It cannot be verified, but it finds many believers. Delaware is part of the district from which the appointment will be made, and Senator Higgins is known to have been working hard to secure the appointment for Judge Massey. It would be difficult to find more woe-begone looking lot of men than the returning democratic congressmen. They privately swear at the convention, the ticket and the platform; but they try to assume a pleasant smile when they say to the newspaper men: "Oh yes, I like the ticket, and it will be elected." Their manner gives them away; however, they cannot conceal the listlessness they feel over the outlook for their party.

Commander-in-chief Palmer of the G. A. R. has been here for several days looking after some congressional legislation relating to Mount McGregor and after the arrangements that are being made for the encampment in Sept. Speaking of the encampment he said: "I will venture the prediction that there will be five hundred thousand people in Washington and there will be seventy-five thousand old soldiers in line on the day of the parade. You may put that down as my forecast, and you will see when the time comes that I will not be far wrong. The approaching encampment will be the high water mark in the gatherings of the old soldiers of this country, and the like of it will never be repeated in our day."

Ex-Senator Ingalls, when he passed through Washington several days ago on his way to Europe where he will spend about two months in traveling, told a personal friend that there was not the slightest probability of his accepting any appointive office, if it were tendered to him. He is confident that Harrison and Reid will win and will take an active part in the campaign from beginning to end, not only in Kansas, but in other states.

The house has again been swinging from the no quorum fever, owing to the absence of such a large number of democrats, some of whom have not been in their seats for two months. Here it is almost at the beginning of a new legislative year, and hardly any of the regular appropriation bills, all of which should be available on the first of July, have become laws. As a nothing body the present house has never been excelled, and its record alone should be sufficient to elect the republican presidential ticket, but to restore the control of the house of representatives to the republican party, it is only when the house is republican that the public business is promptly attended to.

It was surprising here that Stevenson should have been put on the ticket with Cleveland as it is well known that the feeling between them was anything but cordial during the last year or two of Mr. Cleveland's administration. Stevenson's favorite method of speaking of Mr. Cleveland among his intimates was "that inguimp in the white house." The fact is commented on that Mr. Cleveland sent no congratulations to Stevenson.

Secretary Elkins is justly regarded as one of the shrewdest political observers in the country, and his opinions are always given careful consideration, even by his political opponents. He says of the situation: "The republican party is entitled to and will succeed on the platform of the democratic convention and the action of the convention leading up to it. The platform in itself as adopted is the nearest approach to free trade this country has ever seen. Let the out and out declaration for free trade in the Confederate constitution. The business public will take no chances; it will prefer to be satisfied with a sure thing which is a good enough thing. I am confident, there are surprises

in store for the democracy. With an honest count we would carry several of the southern states. In 1888 Cleveland only had a majority of five thousand five hundred in Virginia, and less than forty hundred in West Virginia. It will require a good deal of bloody shirt howl about the electric bill and kindred stuff and perhaps, some cheating to beat Harrison in those states, and even with those means I doubt if it can be done.

A POLICEMAN IN A WILD COUNTRY.

How Jack Kirkup, of Sprout's Landing, Put a Desperado Out of Town. There was only one policeman to enforce the law in a territory the size of Rhode Island. He was quite as remarkable in his way as any other development of that embryonic civilization. His name was Jack Kirkup, and all who knew him spoke of him as being physically the most superb example of manhood in the Dominion. Six feet had three inches in height, with the chest, neck and limbs of a giant, his 300 pounds of weight were so exactly his complement as to give him the symmetry of an Apollo. He was good looking, with the beauty of a round faced, good natured boy, and his thick hair fell in a cluster of ringlets over his forehead and upon his neck. No knight of Arthur's circle can have been more picturesque a figure in the forest than this Jack. He was as neat as a fanny. He wore high boots and corduroy knickerbockers, a flannel shirt and a sack coat, and rode his big bay horse with the ease and grace of a Stouffer. He smoked the fine pipe of green brass. In dozen years he had slept more frequently in the open air upon pebble beds or in trenches in the snow, than upon ordinary bedding, and he exhibited, in his graceful movements, his sparkling eyes and fuddy cheeks, his massive frame and his imperturbable blood nature, a degree of health and vigor that would seem insolent to the average New Yorker.

Now that the railroad was building to keep ever on the trail, along what was called "the right of way" going from camp to camp to "jump" peddlers and gamblers and to quell disorder—except on pay days, once a month, when he staid at Sprout's Landing. The echoes of his fearless behavior and lively adventures rang in every gathering. The general tenor of the stories was to the effect that he usually gave one warning to evil doers, and if they did not heed that he "cleansed them out." He carried a revolver, but never had used it. Even when the most notorious gambler on our border had crossed over into Jack's bailiwick the policeman depended upon his fists. He had met the gambler and had "advised" him to take the cars next day. The gambler, in reply, had suggested that both would get along more quietly if each minded his own affairs, whereupon Kirkup had said, "You hear me; take the cars out of here tomorrow." The little community (it was Donald, B. C., a very rough place at the time) held its breathing for twenty-four hours, and at the approach of train time was suggested that both would get along more quietly if each minded his own affairs, whereupon Kirkup had said, "You hear me; take the cars out of here tomorrow." The little community (it was Donald, B. C., a very rough place at the time) held its breathing for twenty-four hours, and at the approach of train time was suggested that both would get along more quietly if each minded his own affairs, whereupon Kirkup had said, "You hear me; take the cars out of here tomorrow."

"You must take the train," said he; "you can't make me," replied the gambler. There were no more words. In two minutes the giant was carrying the limp body of the ruffian to a wagon, in which he drove him to jail. There he washed the blood off the gambler's face and tied his collar and scarf. From there the ruffian was taken to the cars, where they parted amicably. "I had to be a little rough," said Kirkup to the loungers at the station, "because he was armed like a pincushion, and I didn't want to kill him."—Julian Ralph in Harper's.

How Ancients Squared the Circle. The rule given by Aunes requires that the diameter of a circle shall be short-ened by one-ninth, and a square erected upon this shortened line. The area of such a square approximates the area of the circle but, of course, is not exact, and is not even as close a result as that at which other geometricians have arrived. The Babylonians, who were also great mathematicians, had a solution, to which a reference in the Talmud has been traced. The Babylonian method, however, was not a quadrature, but a rectification of the circumference.—All the World Round.

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A WARNING—DON'T USE BIG WORDS.

In promulgating esoteric cogitations or articulating superficial sentimentalities and philosophical or psychological observations, beware of platitudinous ponderosity. Let your statements possess a clarified conciseness, compacted comprehensiveness, cogent consistency and a concentrated cogency. Eschew all conglomerations of flatness and garrulity, jejune bombast and astute affectations. In trying to impress upon others the superiority of the Wisconsin Central Lines, and why you and so many others find this thoroughfare from St. Paul and Minneapolis and Duluth and Ashland to Milwaukee, Chicago and points east and south, it is not necessary to use jargon. Let your contemporaneous descendants and unprejudiced expatriates have intelligible and veracious vivacity, without rhodomontade or thronical bombast. Scrupulously avoid all polysyllabic profundity, post-festuous vanity, ventriloquial verbosity and vaniloquent vapidity, shun double entendres, portentous jocosity and pestiferous profanity, omniscient or asportant. In other words, talk plainly, naturally, sensibly, and truthfully say the Wisconsin Central Lines is the route, and that ends it.

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