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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, i one of the advance guard of the congressional army which is coming to Washington to help make things pleasant for the old soldiers. He is utilizing the time before the encampment in attending to some department business for his constituents. After the encampment he will return to Oregon with the G. A. R. men from that state, and take an aggressive part in the campaign. Of the general political outlook he says, "everything I hear makes the victory ot Harrison and Reid more certain. I am satisfied that New York will give Harrison a larger majority this year than in 1888." Asked about his own state, the senator said: "Oh, Oregon is all right; we shall carry the state, as usual, notwithstanding the activity of the people's party, which may cast as many as 20,000 votes in the state."

South Carolina, whose recent sweeping victory over the regular democratic organization in that state is fresh in the minds of the public, is openly accused by the editor of the people's party national organ of being a traitor to the people's party, and of having faction, intending all the while to most beneficial results."-Astoract with the national democratic ian. party himself. If this editor knows what he is talking about, a similar state of affairs exists in other states, where the bulk of the so called people's party are merely "kicking" democrats who will at the national election support Cleveland and Stevenson. He says there is a probability that these democrats who are using the alliance and the third party mere ly as stepping stones to enable them to get into offices may find themselves disappointed, as there may be simon pure people's party tickets put up in every southern state where the men now in control of that party are under sus picion, and this is the party that was going to carry half of the southern states. Hon. J. N. Huston, ex U.S. treasurer, who usually knows everything worth knowing about Indiana politics, is in Washington. He says "both parties are hard at work, with headquarters wide open at Indianapolis, and speakers busy stumping the state. This week Gov. McKinley will begin a stumping tour of the national gas region, and later we will have other noted outside orators. Republicans, with rare exceptions which are becoming rarer, are con fident of success, and if we succeed in our suit now in court, in overthrowing the present unjust and unconstitutional apportion ment law, we shall certainly sweep the state."

Democrats here 'make on bones' of saying publicly that Mr. Cleveland has got to recognize Senator Hill, no matter how humiliating it may be to him, if he wishes to stand even the ghost of a chance of carrying New York, without which he cannot possibly be elected.

The national democratic committee has made a "dicker" with the alliance bosses in South Dakota, whereby the democrats of that state are bound to support the alliance, or third party state ticket and the four electors are to be equally divided between Cleveland and Weaver. Senator Kyle is to take the stump for the fusion ticket and the national democratic committee is to furnish all the decuments and boodle needed. Republicans here believe that this and result in electing the republican state ticket and electors.

ALASKA'S FISHERIES.

Hon. Max Pracht, of Oregon. who is about to return to Alaska, to act this time as fish commissioner under the law passed March 2, 1889, makes remarks which should set our traders thinking, for Alaska is clearly part of our commercial territory. He says that "the salmon fisheries, to which his special attention will be directed, are far more valuable to the United States than the seal fisheries Last year the pack was 700,000 cases, valued at \$3,225,000. Heretofore many of the streams up which the salmon run to spawn have been actually blockaded by devices for salmon catching, sometimes a dam being raised to prevent them entering. The law of March 2, 1889, prohibits such of these as are obstructions, it being the object to preserve the fisheries for all time. Reasonable measures taken by the fishermen to procure a catch are not contemplated as contrary to the spirit of the law. Besides the wealth of salmon, Mr. Pracht thinks highly of the black cod banks, of which there are sev eral off the shores of the peninsula running out southwesterly from Alaska. He claims that they are as prolific and even richer than the famous banks of Newfoundland. In a few years, on account of the slow failure of these banks, the Speaking of the people's party, Alaska commodity must come to if one may believe what is said by be of great commercial value. members of that party who are There are three firms of San Franhigh up in its official councils, it cisco who have been sending vesis rapidly going to pieces in the sels north with good results. The South, where such great results banks are about fifty fathoms unhad been so confidently predicted for it. Governor Tillman, of der water, and the catch is made with hand lines, the men fishing over the sides of the vessels and dories, two men to each dory. They are fletched and salted down in the hold, taken to San Francisco and there sun-dried. For the first couple of years the fish were "rusty" on account of faulty curused the farmer's alliance as a ing, but now the secrets of proper club to thump a rival democratic curing have been found with the

> The letters of President Harrison and Mr. Blaine define the republican position in the present campaign clearly and forcibly They adhere closely to the letter and spirit of the republican national platform, and contain no quipple nor demagogic bid for votes The same will not prove the case with Mr. Cleveland's letter of ac ceptance, which may be expected to make its appearance so soon as he has harmonized the contending factions. His is a difficult task. He has not only to placate Hill and tammany, without offending the mugwump branch of the party which is well-nigh impossible, since tammany demands complete control of New York, but he must harmonize the absolute free trade ring of the democracy, as represented by Watterson, with the sectional protection ring which he himself represents. This seems a hopeless task. Watterson is rampant. He declares that the pro tective idea must be uprooted com pletely, and to back him he has the positive declaration of the democratic platform, secured by him in opposition to the straddle desired by Cleveland. New England states, New York and New only hope for votes in those states on the promise of the continuance while removing it from the products of the west, which they affect to call raw materials. Whatever may be the result of the effort to harmonize the two factions

in the party in New York, there is little hope that the Cleveland and and tariff abolition may be prevented from clashing. Cleveland's letter will beyond doubt repudiate the democratic platform, and the storm he thus seeks to allay in the east will break out evident that there is plenty of with equal violence elsewhere. room yet for development of the So great is the difficulty to be overcome, that the wisdom of the serpent would suggest the mildness of the dove in handling this deal will bring the republican al- the best solution of the puzzle .liance men back to their first love Portland Chronicle.

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After the people's party had made their platform they asked United States Senator Carlisle what he thought of their scheme of government ownership of railroads and telegraph. He asked if they meant to get possession of them by confiscation, and they replied in the negative. He then showed that if the government did not confiscate it must buy, and that if it paid a fair price to the have to raise for the purpose \$14,-000,000,000, a sum over four times greater than the debt incurred in the prosecution of the late war, and would have to raise it by tax-

"Are you ready," he said, "to tax yourselves to raise this money? Then, after you have got the property, are you ready to tax yourselves to operate it, for the government never yet succeeded in doadd perhaps 1,200,000 men and rupt it was the more difficult it would be to displace it."

Then the people's party platform architects asked Mr. Carlisle what he thought about their denunciation of the concentration of "the money power in a few hands." Then Mr. Carlisle asked how they would remedy this evil-by a revolution or by an act of legislature? "Do you propose to say by your legislature that when a man has earned \$100 or \$1,000 or \$10, 000 that he shall not earn any more?" This again reduced them to silence.

THE annual consumption of runes in the United States is a little over one pound for each percountry is increasing at the rate of one million and a half a year it is easy to see that the consumption will increase pretty rapidly even if there shall be no increase in the rate of consumption. The quality of the prune of the Pacific northwest is so far superior to that of the common prune of commerce that whenever they are put upon the market at prices anywhere near as low as the common foreign prune sells for there will Jersey can not be carried on the inevitably be an immense increase free trade basis, and Cleveland in the rate of consumption. With knows it. The democracy can the aid of a protective tariff of two cents per pound, joined to the superior quality of our product, the of protection to their industries, Pacific coast should certainly be able to drive the foreign prunes out of the market without reducing the price of prunes to a point that will knock all the profit out of the business. At the present time California is producing about one-third enough prunes to supply Watterson ideas of tariff reform the United States. In ten years Oregon and Washington ought to produce one-half of all the prunes consumed in the United States. To do this will require close to 50,-000,000 pounds of prunes. It is

THE young men of the country question. If inflexible custom did should read the history of the gennot demand a formal letter, Cleve- eration of their fathers, and see land would find no letter at all what the republican party has done in the thirty years of its statesmanship.

prune business without over-doing

CHEAP MONEY.

The people's party want "cheap money and plenty of it," so they urge the sub-treasury scheme, free coinage of silver, the land mortgage scheme. The experience of the southern confederacy ought to have cured the south of the delusion that an increase to the volume of the currency is the cure for all financial ills. The southern confederacy issued just the kind of currency that the people's party owners of the property it would calls for; it was issued by the government in volume as needed, and was based on the faith and credit of the seceding states as much as sub-treasury currency would be based upon the credit and resources of the United States.

Confederate money was always plenty and cheap, but it finally became so cheap that a barrel of measured by their power to purwomen to the roll of government chase the comforts of life, did not employes. How would you ever rise as the currency became plenty succeed in turning out of power an and cheap. Gold was the standard, administration with such resources but the confederacy were not able Terrible Sufferings of Little Baby. at its command? The more cor- to redeem in gold, so flour sold for \$500 a barrel, a pair of shoes for \$300, or a pair of hickory trousers

Of all the fruit brought into Portland there is very little that equals that produced by Joseph Ranger, of Oswego. The Portland grocers at this time are selling Mr. Ranger's apples for \$2.50 per box. Although Mr. Ranger is not yet a large fruit grower he is proceeding upon most thorough principles. As an illustration of the pains that he takes to keep pests away from his orchard it may be related that he declined to take back to his place his own fruit boxes after they had been in town for a day or two before being emptied. If As the population of the all of our fruit growers were like Mr. Ranger there would be an unlimited demand for Oregon fruit. -Rural Northwest.

PRESIDENT Gilbert, of the New York Dairy association, says of the 100,000,000 pounds of butter annually made in the state of New York, not one-third reaches the market in a fit condition to be used for food. The Rural Northwest asks: "Can anyone tell us what proportion of the butter made in Oregon reaches the market in a condition which is fit for food according to President Gilbert's standard ?"

LET us give the democratic leaders sound advice. Instead of assuming that the republican policy of protection has ruined the country, let them admit that the peo ple are prosperous and promise to do better if Cleveland is placed in power. This would be a sensible course to pursue. It will make more votes than endorsing the assertions of the calamity howlers.

THE whole country gives approval by acclamation to Harrison's telegram to Secretary Foster: "It is an outrage that the steamship companies continue to bring in immigrants from infected ports. Say to them that it should stop, as it is certain every ship will bring disease, and we may be compelled to turn back pest-laden vessels."

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BARON DE WATERVILLE, honorary director of the ministry of public intstruction in France, announces flour would buy a wagon load of that he is about to publish a study it. It brought big prices to farm- entitled "The Creation of a Nationers and to everybody who had any- al Nobility in the United States." ing business at a profit? Consider thing to sell, but the farmers did We hope it will be fumigated well another effect; such a plan would not get rich. The wages of labor, before it is allowed to pass the

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