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**MR. HARRISON'S OPPORTUNITY.**

A special from Washington says: "President Harrison, in his message to congress, will not turn his back upon the present republican tariff law. On the contrary, he will give it an earnest indorsement."

There has been considerable curiosity expressed in certain quarters as to what the president would say in his message to congress, in reference to the tariff law, as many republicans are inclined to hold it almost wholly responsible for the recent defeat. There need no longer be any doubt in that direction. President Harrison believes in protection of the character now afforded by the republican party. But the people have spoken, emphasizing a different opinion. That Mr. Harrison has shown himself to be a wise and worthy president is the verdict of republicans and democrats alike. The closing months of his service as chief executive of the nation are very generally expected to add in no small measure to his great and honorable fame. But the impression grows that the singularly clear expression of the people in favor of a change in the nation's tariff policy should receive ready recognition from the president. If the majority is fitted to rule, the unequivocal command of the majority, given with all formality and seriousness through the medium of the ballot; should receive the calm and ready acquiescence of the president and congress.

Being a republican because he believes that party's doctrine to be the best, and its rule the best for the nation, it is clear that Mr. Harrison should, with propriety, think the present administration at least as worthy as the coming one to begin the policy of tariff reform so ardently desired by those who lately made the democratic majorities. He and his party are unquestionably the friends of the protective tariff. If he and his party shall demonstrate at the coming session of the present congress that both are ready to bow to the will of the people, that both can take the people's view of tariff reform which shall still protect American industries and American labor, while giving relief to the consumers of American products, the present administration can cut out the work for the next, and can win the respect and admiration of all the world.

Mr. Harrison has been in the closest accord with his party from the time that he assumed its leadership at the call of the republican convention of 1888. If he shall take the wise view that the people know what they want, and are entitled to what they want, if he shall take up the work of tariff reform at the beginning of the coming session of congress, he will do a graceful act, an honorable act, an act of wisdom, that will render him great and his party strong. It is a situation worthy of his honesty of purpose and his cheerful obedience to the will of the people who have honored him with the highest office within their gift. He can render the second administration of Grover Cleveland merely a continuance of the administration of Benjamin Harrison if he chooses to do so.

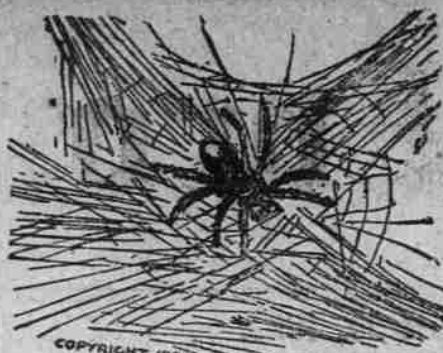
In these days when the real soldiers of the war are growing few and fewer there is a marked increase of generals. The ready acceptance of military titles by men who never wore the blue is a trifle surprising. So readily are they put on that any general manager, general superintendent or general passenger agent becomes endowed with the glittering prize. We are a peace-loving people and should at least try to keep down the list of generals by bestowing the title only on those who have served three months in the militia or have viewed without flinching the awful carnage of a battle cyclorama.

Unless work is resumed on the Panama canal by February 2d, the concession of the government of Colombia to the old company will lapse. An attempt is being made by some French capitalists to form a new company with \$50,000,000 capital to take the assets of the old company and continue to work, but the Panama bubble has already cost the people too much money with too little returns for this to be likely to succeed. The Panama route has buried enough men and money already. Let it be abandoned and the Nicaragua canal constructed.

A young lady of Sprague has just made final proof on 150 acres of land, located southeast of that city. She is one of many girls in Washington who has taken up and improved homesteads.

**A Weather Forecast.**

Review. Indians on the Coeur d'Alene reserve predict an extraordinarily hard winter. Inhabitants of eastern Washington will hope that they prove true prophets if a plentiful snowfall will insure next season a crop as bountiful as that which followed our last hard winter.



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