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CLEVELAND.

Mr. Cleveland has a large place in the affections of the people. Notwithstanding that he has been criticised by democrats in various sections of the country yet there has not been a democratic convention held this year that has not attested its devotion to him by hearty cheering at the mention of his name. He presided at a democratic meeting in New York City some evenings since where Governor Hill made the principal speech. While the reception to the governor was attended by a hearty demonstration of applause, it bore no comparison to the wild and tumultuous cheering that came up from the vast throng collected in Cooper Union when the Ex-President made his appearance on the platform. Since this meeting Mr. Cleveland has presided over a grand democratic rally at Brooklyn. The account of the meeting sent out by the associated press goes on to say:

When President Cleveland entered Clermont rink, accompanied by Hon. H. Furey, the audience went wild. When it was reduced to order Mr. Cleveland was introduced and greeted with "three cheers for our next president." Mr. Cleveland, after acknowledging the greetings, made a speech of some length, calling the attention of his hearers to the importance of the state campaign.

There where Hill, a presidential candidate, is said to be strong, we find Mr. Cleveland tendered a reception that would arouse the pride of any man with a spark of vanity in him. The secret in all this is that the people of the whole country have an abiding faith in the sturdy honesty and never flinching integrity of the man. They know that he is without the semblance of political trickery. The people every where know, (though they may not confess it,) that no other man in public life would make so safe a president in all respects as he. Herein is his strength.

THE President has succeeded in corraling Fred Douglas, who since he was kicked out of the Haytian mission has shown a disposition to use whatever influence he possesses with the negro voters of the country against Harrison. Not only has Mr. Harrison gotten a flat-footed public avowal of support from Douglas, but he is also supposed to have been at the bottom of a slur which Douglas made in a speech at Washington last week upon Secretary Blaine and his management of the unfortunate Mole St. Nicholas matter. Douglas claims to have documents in his possession that would, if published, show the Department of State in a very different light from that which it is now viewed. Mr. Harrison may be the warm friend of Secretary Blaine that he professes to be, but it is nevertheless a fact that Mr. Harrison's friends invariably when saying in public something nice about him add something either directly or by implication derogatory to Mr. Blaine.

SUMPTER VALLEY RAILROAD.

The Sumpter Valley railroad extends 25 miles from Baker City. The present terminus is McEwen. on the stage road from Baker to Canyon. This road is a narrow gauge and was built to accommodate the lumber and wood traffic more than for any other purpose.

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We call the attention of our Board of Trade to this matter and hope it will give it the attention we think it requires, and if possible communicate with the owners of the Sumpter Valley railway, showing up the certain advantages to the company to be derived from the continuance of the road into our county.

REPRESENTATIVE Mills who has made nineteen speeches in Ohio, is now resting in Washington preparatory to taking part in the campaign in Massachusetts, where he is under engagement to make six or eight speeches. Mr. Mills reports Governor Campbell's prospects as growing better every day. Speaking of his speeches on the free coinage of silver Mr. Mills said: "I am convinced that the best interests of the party demands that tariff reform shall be made the principal issue in the present fight, and as nothing practical can be accomplished in the way of silver legislation, during the next Congress, there is no use to agitate the subject now."

THE Australian ballot law passed by our legislature last session, requiring closed booths to be prepared at every polling place, and that there must be a polling place for every 250 voters, does not imply that any particular kind of material shall be used in their construction. The nicely finished steel booths prepared in the east and shipped west at a heavy expense, which have been bought by several counties already, is a waste of public money; a wooden structure answers every purpose, and the expenditure for such not near so much as these steel booths agents are so active in selling to the counties.

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