

From our regular correspondent,  
WASHINGTON.

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Senator Reagan, when asked about the rumors of opposition to the re-election of Senator Coke, laughed good naturedly and said: "It's all bosh, Coke will be unanimously re-elected. Texans always know when they have a good thing."

Senator Cullom raised quite a laugh at the expense of Senator, or, as he is oftener called here, "Granny" Blair, Saturday, when he presented to the Senate resolutions adopted by the Columbia Turnverein of Lake, Illinois. The resolution after reciting their opposition to Mr. Blair's bill for compulsory religious instruction in public schools, etc., recommends "that Congress make an appropriation sufficient to pay tutors to instruct such Representatives or Senators like Mr. Blair in the rudiments of history and other studies calculated to develop and broaden their minds, so that they may no longer disgrace our nation in the eyes of the world by resolutions and bills to which there is no present parallel, but which remind one forcibly of Spain in the fifteenth century." This is rather rough on Blair and his kind, but as long as they act on the obsolete idea that people can be made good and virtuous by the enactment of laws, they can expect no better.

The republican comet, Blaine, has arrived here. His arrival has created a great commotion in the political firmament; his satellites, such as Senators Hiscock, Plumb, Chandler, and Representatives Phelps, Boutelle and others of that ilk are sailing around with an air of great importance, while his rivals, such as Senators Sherman and Edmunds, are revolving around with great dignity and taking especial care to keep out of the way of the fiery tail of the comet; they realize that there is great danger to them, should a collision take place. The appearance of a comet in the sky has from time immemorial been considered the certain forerunner of wars and disturbances, and the longer the tail the greater the disturbance of war. The Blaine comet has a very long tail, and the war presaged is likely to be correspondingly long and bitter, ending only with the destruction of the combatants. But as the combatants are all in the republican party, there need be no great grief over their annihilation. It is understood that Senator Hiscock was the bearer of Blaine's ultimatum to Harrison; it not only demanded that Blaine should sit at the head of the cabinet table, as Secretary of State, but that he should have the naming of at least two other members of the cabinet. Harrison has not yet given his answer, and the sudden appearance of the Blaine comet at the Capital, and the marshalling of the various planets into a brilliant constellation, is all for the purpose of impressing the Harrison sun with the immense power for good or for evil which is wielded by the comet. Whether the comet shall destroy the sun or the sun the comet, is a matter of indifference to the democratic observers gathered in the national observatory for the purpose of enjoying the free pyrotechnics. Fire the big guns, and let the show begin. The nation is assembled to witness the fun.

The Senate plods along in its consideration of the tariff bill. The republicans have struck a dangerous snag in the sugar question. When the paragraph reducing the duties 50 per cent on imported sugar was framed it was known by the republicans that it would bankrupt the sugar planters of Louisiana, but for that they cared nothing, as they expected no votes from that state; but now they have discovered that it will do equally as much damage in republican Kansas and California, both of which states have protesting delegations here now; that of the latter being headed by Claus Spreckles, known all over the world as the sugar king. The result is, the Senate finance committee have concluded to offer an amendment to the bill, giving a bounty for every pound of sugar produced in this country.

The Senate finance committee, (that is the republican part of it,) has decided to reduce the duty on lumber from \$2 per M to \$1.50 per M. This remarkably small favor will be received by those who use lumber, (and who does not directly, or indirectly,) with that degree of thanks which the nature of the concession deserves. But is not this a step in the direction of free trade? We have the word of every republican newspaper and stump orator uttered during the campaign attesting the truth of the statement that this means free trade.

The foremost negroes of the country participated in the celebration of Emancipation day at Cooper's Union, in New York city. It is noticeable, also, that the demand for a representative of the colored race in Harrison's cabinet is growing in force and distinctness, but it is probable that the colored brother must be content to do his share of the voting without much recognition from the grand old party for several years to come.

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PROTECTION LOGIC.

Because a foreign journal notes with "mingled envy and despair" the growth and prosperity of the United States, a protection organ sneers at the demand for tax reduction here.

This is a fair example of protection logic. Because America is better off than the overcrowded "armed camps" of the Old World, there is no reason why we should not go on paying \$100,000,000 a year in excess of the needs of the Government to protect monopolies and give the politicians money to vote away!

Because wages are higher here than they are in the Old World—as they have been for more than a hundred years, whether with no tariff, low tariff or high tariff—therefore the taxes should not be reduced, less wages fall!

Germany and France, which have protective tariffs, are as "envious" of American prosperity as in England, with free trade. And yet the difference between Old World and New World conditions is altogether due to the tariff.

It will not take "four years more" to complete the opening of the people's eyes to this nonsense.

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