

# Daily Democrat.

WASHINGTON.  
(From our regular correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Aug 3, 1891.  
Representative Mills left Washington today for Iowa, where he goes to make a series of campaign speeches in aid of the democratic cause. His friend, Representative Crain, who is in charge of his canvass for the speakership, says of his prospects: "Mr Mills is in the race to stay and to win. He is stronger today than when congress adjourned and he is gaining strength every day; he has made accessions in the East and his splendid fight in the West and Northwest has given him a degree of strength there which will astonish his opponents. Mr Mills favors the free coinage of silver, but he also believes that it is a question to be settled inside the party; the democratic party is a unit for tariff reform but is divided upon the silver question. Why inject an element of discord in the party platform? Let us go on with the contest for tariff reform and settle all subordinate questions in our own ranks after we shall have won the victory." Representative Crisp and his friends are just as confident of his election to the speakership as Mr Crain is that Mr Mills will be elected.

A democrat of national reputation is authority for the statement that an organized effort is to be made, to have the next national democratic convention held in Baltimore. I asked him if that involved a movement for the nomination of Senator Gorman. He smiled as he said: "Not necessarily; but the fact that the convention is held in Baltimore, if it should be held there, need not be regarded as a bar to the presentation of the claims of Maryland's favorite son for the nomination."

Representative Chipman, of Michigan, who is now in Washington, says the democrats of Michigan propose pressing the claims of Hon Don M Dickinson upon the next nominating convention, and that it isn't a movement intended merely as a compliment to that gentleman, but is the result of much consideration on the part of men who believe that he possesses all the attributes of a successful presidential candidate, one who could carry Michigan beyond a shadow of a doubt.

Can "Me too" Platt, the New York republican boss, whose favor Mr Harrison has purchased by the appointment of J Sloat Fassett to be collector of the post of New York, save the Harrison vessel from being over whelmed by the Blaine tidal wave which is now rushing upon the seemingly doomed craft? Is an interesting problem to those interested in the result. It is not believed that Mr Harrison will give up without making a desperate fight and if Mr Platt can control the New York delegation for him his friendship is well worth cultivating. A gentleman figuring up the votes that Harrison can control puts it this way: "He can have the solid delegations of all the Southern States, unless somebody is disposed to put up money to buy their votes; he can get the solid Indiana delegation through his control of the machine in that state; ex-Senator Spooner, Senator Sawyer and Secretary Rusk are relied upon to control the Wisconsin delegation for him; Secretary Foster can certainly divide if he cannot control the Ohio delegation; Vermont is already pledged to him through Secretary Proctor, and if he can get the New York delegation he will start out with a strength not to be despised."

At last the long hung up reciprocity treaty with Spain for Porto Rico and Cuba has been officially announced with a temporary schedule to go into effect September 1, and a permanent schedule July, 1892. A similar agreement with San Domingo is also announced to take effect September 1. The fact is commented on that the largest single beneficiary under the Spanish agreement is the Standard oil monopoly.

Senator Butler of South Carolina, who is now here has been warmly congratulated upon his success in demonstrating the folly of the sub-treasury movement in the South. With his usual modesty he declines to take any personal credit for what he has done, saying that he only presented an array of facts against the scheme which must at once become apparent to any ordinarily intelligent man who will make a careful study of the proposition, and its probable effects, keeping in view similar attempts recorded by history.

Since it became known among republicans that Major McKinley made an appeal to the national executive committee for money to save him from defeat there is a noticeable diminution in the amount of brag in which they indulge. They now realize a though Ohio is ordinarily a republican state the election of McKinley, handicapped by his unpopular and unjust tariff bill, is very far from being a certainty, and most of them are willing to admit that the legislature is in doubt. This is a very great change, and it is significant.

There is only one member of the administration on duty today. That is Secretary Foster and he is preparing to go to Ohio this week, he says to take a vacation, but it would be safe to bet that he will work harder while there than he does when in Washington.

July 6 the first carload of this year's crop of wheat was received in Philadelphia. It was grown on the eastern shore of Maryland, graded No 2 red, and sold at \$1 a bushel.

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The republican party is a queer aggregation of persons anyway. They love Clarkson for the heads he has cut off. They love Corporal Tanner for the feet he had cut off. And they fairly adore McKinley for the markets he has cut off. The only cutting they disapprove of is cutting down taxation.

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