

Daily Democrat.

WASHINGTON.

(From our regular correspondent.)

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Editors Democrat:

The meeting of the executive committee of the National Association of democratic clubs to be held in New York city tomorrow is the most important meeting ever held by that committee. The secretary will present reports from nearly every state in the union showing that the association has far outgrown the most sanguine idea of its originators, and plans will be discussed whereby the association can render the greatest service to the party in those states holding elections this year. All talk about the committee entering into personal politics either to favor or oppose, any of the gentlemen named for the democratic nomination next year is bosh. Among its members are friends of several candidates, and even allowing that it were possible to use the committee as an auxiliary to somebody's boom, which it is not, no one candidate controls a majority of it.

It is difficult to keep political secrets in Washington, therefore it isn't surprising that the fact should have leaked out that candidate McKinley wrote to secretary Foster imploring his aid to raise money for his campaign. In this letter McKinley was particularly bitter against the Pittsburg glass manufacturers, who he said had promised to contribute \$25,000, but had only given \$1,300. Mr Foster's own tongue gave this away. In spite of the statement of Chairman Clark, that the republican national committee would take no part in any of the state campaigns this year, it is known here that it has already sent a large amount of money to Ohio, and that it is now engaged in raising more, intended for the same destination. Republicans, near to the committee have boasted, also that they would buy up the people's party of Ohio, as they knew many of its leaders to be for sale.

While our new war ships are giving their officers a chance to do the agreeable thing to the belles of the fashionable seaside resorts in this country, that gallant old seaman, Rear Admiral McCann, the commander of the South Atlantic Squadron, is in Washington worrying because he has no flagship, the Pensacola, which he had used until recently as such, being now on her way to Mate Island Navy Yard, where it is expected she will be condemned. The other vessels in the South Atlantic are the Essex and the Tallapoosa, the latter, according to a recent private letter from a naval officer, being in such a bad condition that she will have to be condemned and sold where she is. This state of affairs isn't creditable to those responsible for it; but as long as social influence is the power that controls the Navy department there is little probability of a change for the better.

"It is just as well" said a Pennsylvania democrat, "to accept with a grain of allowance all the stories told about what Quay is going to do for or against this or that presidential candidate. Mr Quay has the fight of his life on his hands in order to keep control of the republican machine in Pennsylvania. If he wins, then it will be time enough for him to attempt to influence national politics, but if he loses, as I now think he will, there will be none so humble as to do the ex-boss reverence."

Col. Conger, the man who may be said to have originated the present Blaine boom, by stating upon authority that Mr Blaine would accept the nomination, if it came to him without effort on his part is said to have told several friends here of the difficulty he had in prevailing upon Mr Blaine to see the matter as he did. He says that after he had successfully combated all the arguments advanced by Mr Blaine against accepting the nomination that he had to go through the same thing with Mrs Blaine, who finally gave her consent although she at first said that Mr Blaine should never again become a candidate. This may be entirely so, but if it is, then Col. Conger is not the shrewd politician that he has been generally credited with being or he would never have repeated it.

Mr William Dickson, the District of Columbia member of the national democratic committee, has inaugurated a movement which is enthusiastically endorsed by everybody here, to get the national committee to vote in favor of Washington as the place for holding the national convention next year, and many well informed democrats have expressed the opinion that the convention would either be held in Washington or in Baltimore.

Commissioner of pensions Raum did not attend the G. A. R. encampment at Detroit, and the fact has been the basis of many comments, and has revived the story that he had promised to resign before congress meets. He has been making more explanations that do not explain, relative to the charges of negligent and careless work in his office.

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