

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our regular correspondent.)

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The extra session pendulum swings back and forth from day to day. Last week for a time it seemed that the sentiment in favor of an immediate extra session was overwhelming among prominent democrats, as for several days about nine out of every ten senators and representatives that arrived and were willing to express a decided opinion were in favor of an extra session at the earliest possible moment. Then there was a change the other way, about the same percentage of arrivals opposed an early extra session, although many of these opponents of an early extra session think it would be an advantageous saving of time to call an extra session about September or October. If a poll of all the democratic senators and representatives now in Washington were taken on the question of an early extra session, it is extremely doubtful which side would get a majority, so evenly divided has the sentiment become.

Hon. Chauncey F. Black, of Pennsylvania, president of the National Association of Democratic Clubs, is here to confer with Secretary Gardner as to the association's future work, particularly that relating to the campaign of 1896, which he says is already commenced. Mr. Black called attention to the manner in which the Walker tariff of 1846, which was one of the most satisfactory the country ever had, was prepared, and asked a good many democrats if the next democratic tariff could not be better prepared in that way than in any other. He was surprised to find that very few people remembered, if they ever knew, how the Walker tariff bill was prepared. It was prepared during a recess of congress by Robert J. Walker, President Polk's secretary of the treasury, and when congress met in regular session it was substantially as prepared enacted into a law and brought credit and honor both to its author and to the democratic party. If that plan succeeded so well then, why not try it again, by letting the democratic secretary of the treasury to be selected by Mr. Cleveland prepare a tariff bill to be submitted to congress when it meets? Is now being asked on all sides. Ordinarily the officials of the treasury department who have to deal with importations are better posted on tariff matters than outsiders, even among those who have devoted much time and study to the complicated question, and are consequently better prepared to arrange the details of a tariff schedule, but it must not be forgotten that nearly or quite all of the tariff experts now in the employ of the treasury are hide-bound protectionists, and that it might not be altogether safe to trust them with the work of making a new tariff bill on reform lines.

The relations of the comptroller of the currency with the National banks are so close that when a comptroller retires from office he usually enters the employ of a National bank, but all the same much surprise was caused when the annual report of the present comptroller was made public and it was seen that he had embodied therein an argument against the establishment of state banks with authority to issue currency. It is regarded as nearly akin to insolence for a republican official thus to attempt to tell the democratic congress that it should not carry out a plank of its national platform, which the country has just endorsed.

General Rosecrans, register of the treasury, and about the only democrat now holding a prominent position under the government, struck the civil service law a knock down blow by stating in his annual report that the competitive examinations held thereunder were practically of no use in determining the competency of a clerk. Not that this statement was new or surprising but that it was made by a big official. It has been fashionable among officials for several administrations to bow down to this civil service mumbo-jumbo, and it is refreshing to find one that will speak what so many of them think.

The question of immigration legislation at the coming session of Congress is being agitated, and if the joint committee which has been investigating the subject shall in their report which will soon be ready, make any practical recommendations it is altogether probable that they will be embodied in legislation. Most democrats agree with the National platform, that industrious and worthy foreigners should be free to come to us, and all stand ready to vote to prohibit the coming of the unworthy.

Whether it is because the newspapers got the news first or because they really think there is nothing in it I cannot say, but anyway the State Department people poohpoohed the story about the French agent who controls the Panama railroad having violated the Monroe Doctrine by discriminating against American shippers over that road.

Senator Kenna of West Virginia is dangerously ill. He has been sick for several weeks but a few days ago it was thought the crisis had passed and that he was on the road to recovery, but Saturday he had a relapse and today the worst is feared. He has pleurisy and heart trouble.

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He has been a life long Republican, an extreme partisan, and has always stood high in the confidence of the party leaders, who often sought his counsel.

He protested vigorously against the nominations of both Harrison and Halle, but afterwards supported them loyally. Now he is pouring brine into the wounds of the party leaders by daily reminding them that he "told them so."

Hugh Wallace, National Democratic committee man for Washington who returned home from New York, denies that he is to be given a place in Cleveland's Cabinet, but he says the Pacific coast will undoubtedly get one place in the Cabinet. Mr. Wallace thinks it will be at least six months before Cleveland takes up federal appointments for Oregon and Washington.

Ex-United States Senator Sabin, a Republican, says that "the Republican party needs to modify its position on the tariff," and he thinks that "the McKinley bill was a little too strong." They begin to confess that they know what was the matter with the party.

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The Roseburg papers are still crowding over the removal of the S. P. repair shops from Junction City to that place. The S. P. repair shops while here consisted of one man, three jack screws and a monkey wrench. Roseburg's hilarity is grotesque to say the least.—Times.

The Supreme Court of California has decided that Florence Blythe is heir to the great Blythe estate, worth about \$4,000,000, which now becomes her property, except about a million dollars, which will go the lawyers. Lawyer Hart will get about \$400,000, McAllister & Beign about \$150,000, W. W. Foote, \$100,000; Garber, Bonill & Bishop \$250,000. About \$50,000 will be paid out for detective fees.

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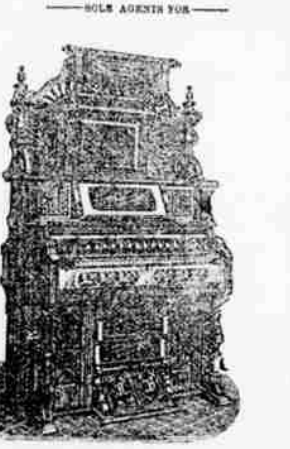


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