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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, March 23, 1888.

Cleveland and revenue reform is the refrain that is being echoed from one end of the country to the other. Ex-Congressman Hill, of Ohio, who is in the city, says the democrats of that state are unanimous for the nomination of Mr. Cleveland, and that the delegates to St. Louis will go instructed to vote that way.

Mr. Cleveland and his policy of revenue reform are gaining strength every day, all over the country, and yet right here at the capital a handful of members of the house of representatives calling themselves democrats have set themselves up in opposition to the whole party and have deliberately gone to work to prevent the passage by the house of the Mills tariff bill, thus preventing the party from redeeming the pledges upon which it elected a president and hopes to reelect him.

These men claim to represent the sentiments of their constituents, but unless Mr. Hill, who is quoted above, is wrong about the sentiment in Ohio, the members from that state who have joined hands with Mr. Randall, who represents a republican district in Pennsylvania, are misrepresenting their constituents in opposing revenue reform. The same might be said of the Louisiana members who are opposing the Mills tariff bill.

The republicans here are still in a demoralized condition, never having recovered from the effects of the Blaine letter. If they do not rally before the campaign opens they will not fight with enough vim to make the contest interesting.

Senator Blair, of New Hampshire, is thought by some to be suffering from softening of the brain. His latest crank idea is a bill which he has introduced in the senate proposing that ex-confederate soldiers and sailors shall have preference over ex-confederate civilians in appointments to civil service positions. The bill was not asked for nor is it wanted by anybody. But for all that its author's motives in presenting it were good, and he is a kind hearted man.

The ways and means committee have completed the consideration of the Mills tariff bill and before this letter is in type it will have been reported to the house, unless the republican minority of that committee shall discover some new method of delay. They have already exhausted all that were known.

The capitol was struck by lightning on Wednesday afternoon during a terrific thunder storm, and for awhile there was great excitement. The only damage done, however, was to destroy the telegraph instruments in the press galleries of both the house and senate and to kill a horse at the door of the senate wing.

The house committee on territories have reported a bill to organize the territory of Alaska.

Hon. J. T. Anderson, of Iowa, who has been appointed assistant commissioner of the general land office, was the democratic candidate for governor at the last Iowa state election, and polled the largest vote ever given to a democratic candidate in that state.

Hon. S. M. Stockslager, who has

been appointed commissioner of the G. L. O., served in the forty-seventh and forty-eighth congresses.

The bill to prevent the employment of alien and convict labor on public works has been passed by the house.

The president has sent to congress a communication from the secretary of the interior, with much testimony relating to a grant of public land to the state of Oregon for the construction of wagon roads. Accompanying these documents is a message from the president which says: "The presentation of the facts by the secretary is the result of an examination which has developed, as it seems to me, the most unblushing frauds upon the government, which if remaining unchallenged, will divert several hundred thousand acres of land from the public domain and from the reach of honest settlers, to those who have attempted to pervert and prostitute the beneficent designs of the government, which sought by the promise of generous donations of land to promote the building of wagon roads for public convenience and for the purpose of encouraging settlement upon the public lands. The roads have not yet been built and yet an attempt is made to claim the lands under a title which depends for its validity entirely upon the construction of these roads."

A bill repealing these land grants and restoring the lands to the public domain is recommended for immediate passage by the president.

The bill protects the interests of parties who have innocently purchased land of the wagon road companies.

PROHIBITIONISTS.

STATE AND COUNTY MEETINGS.

The state convention of the prohibition party met in Portland Wednesday and Thursday of last week. Following is the platform adopted:

WHEREAS, The three great objects of government are the securing to the citizens the rights of life, liberty and property; and

WHEREAS, Through the criminal neglect and pernicious legislation of the dominant political parties, great evils have been fostered which impair all these rights, most prominent among which evils is that of the legalized liquor traffic. With a firm reliance upon an overruling Providence in favor of the right and upon the moral sense of our best citizenship, the prohibition party of Oregon submit the following platform of principles: The government

First—Should prohibit the manufacture, sale, supply, exportation and importation of, and interstate commerce in all intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

Second—Should submit to the legislatures of the several states a measure separate from every other question, providing by an amendment to the constitution the disfranchisement of paupers, illiterates and convicted criminals, and abolishing the sex basis in the elective franchise.

Third—Should enforce the restoration of all unearned land grants and prevent corporations and aliens from obtaining control of great areas of country.

Fourth—Should maintain the principles of the interstate commerce law and make such changes as will prevent extortion or discrimination against persons, places or products.

Fifth—Should issue all moneys direct, and make all money so used a full legal tender for all purposes.

Sixth—Should provide for electing United States senators by a direct vote of the people.

Seventh—Should declare the modern "trust" and other combinations for maintaining artificial prices to be a conspiracy against the common welfare, and that it be punished accordingly.

Eighth—Should abolish the internal revenue and correct the inequalities and eliminate the unjust discriminations of the present tariff schedule.

Ninth—Should vigorously enforce the prohibition of the importation of contract labor, prevent the landing, so far as possible, of all socialists, anarchists, criminals and paupers.

The prohibition party pledges itself to do these things whenever it gains control of the government.

Candidates placed in nomination are: For congressman, Prof. G. M. Miller, of Multnomah; for supreme judge, nomination left with the executive committee; for presidential electors, Prof. T. F. Campbell, of Polk; B. F. Ramp, of Douglas, and Dr. August C. Kinney, of Clatsop. Delegates to the national convention to be held at Indianapolis, May 30, 1888: J. W. Webb, S. Ramp, S. Condit, Mrs. M. Ellen Sickafosse, Mrs. A. R. Riggs, I. H. Amos, G. M. Miller, J. G. Warner and T. J. Alley. Nine alternates were also elected.

COUNTY CONVENTION.

In pursuance of a call the prohibition county convention met in Lafayette, last Friday, and after adopting the state platform, except that part of the second section referring to equal suffrage, and listening to a few remarks by W. T. Mills, of Ohio, the convention adjourned to meet at McMinnville Monday to nominate a county ticket. And this is the result:

Representatives—E. S. Craven, Amity; C. E. Hoskins, Newberg.

County Commissioners—B. F. Fuller, McMinnville; Jas. McDonald, Wheatland.

Clerk—J. T. Watson, Dayton.

Sheriff—J. W. Carey, Amity.

Treasurer—A. J. Nelson, McMinnville.

Assessor—I. N. Edmiston, Pleasant Dale.

Recorder—N. L. Wiley, Newberg.

Coroner—John Hanson, Dayton.

Surveyor—To be filled by central committee.

School Superintendent—To be filled by central committee.

CHICAGO STREET ETIQUETTE.

One rainy day last week a good-looking young man stepped off a Lake street car on Fifth avenue, just as a buxom, apple-cheeked, jolly shop-girl started to run across the street. It was dark, and the girl did not see the man until she ran right into him. Then a mischievous look came into his eyes, and he threw his arms around her, gave her a good hug and hurried on. The girl was so astonished for a moment that she stood still in the middle of the street. Then she walked over to the other sidewalk and stopped beside a lamp-post and looked after the young man and laughed, like the jolly, whole-souled girl that she was. And three or four people who had seen the funny act, laughed too, and the audacious youth trotted down the street whistling as merrily as though there were no rain.—Chicago Times.

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