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Is It Abram Stevens Hewitt Or William Collins Whitney?

We proffer congratulations to the Commercial Gazette of Cincinnati, one of the very ablest Republican organs in this broad and beautiful land.

The Commercial Gazette is the first of the great Republican journals to perceive the evident truth that the Hon. Governor Cleveland is about played out as a grand political factor, and that the chances of his being re-nominated as a Democratic candidate for the Presidency are growing small by degrees and beautifully less.

The Commercial Gazette, having resumed out the main proposition with originality and logic, goes on to say that an eminent citizen of New York, not Governor Hill, in fact, who has not been Governor of the Empire State will be brought forward in the National Democratic Convention, and will be chosen as the candidate of the Democracy in the struggle of next year.

Who is this eminent citizen? And why does our distinguished contemporary veil his opinion in the matter of who it is to be the lucky chap? Such a thing would certainly be impossible, provided the friends of Governor Hill should consent. Or is it the Hon. WILLIAM COLLINS WHITNEY, the able and successful Secretary of the Navy? Who is this other New Yorker for whom Governor Hill and his friends, controlling the delegation of New York, as they undoubtedly will, and applying the unit rule according to the precedent that has been established for them, will deem it best to stand aside in order to confer upon this unknown and unnamed magnate the distinction of the Federal nomination?

We think our Cincinnati contemporary in reasoning a good deal in the air, from ignorance respecting the practical power of D. B. H.; but either HEWITT or WHITNEY would have elements of strength such as CLEVELAND could not possibly manifest under any circumstances. But if WHITNEY should get it, what would CLEVELAND think?

Mitkiewicz in China.

Now that the arrangements between this ardent importer and the Viceroy Li have been abrogated, we may properly describe his methods and operations more fully than we have heretofore given to the public. It seems that in addition to claiming to have had letters of introduction from President CLEVELAND, he also pretended to have had one from JAY GOULD, and represented himself to be the special envoy of VANDEBILT, or, as the name is rendered into Chinese, "HWANG-DANG-BAI-LI."

After the negotiations were concluded a letter was addressed by the Viceroy to VANDEBILT and intrusted to the hands of MITKIEWICZ; and this letter runs about as follows:

"I have seen your Agent MITKIEWICZ, and believing him to be a practical, clear-headed, and energetic man, I have concluded to establish with Chinese and American capital a telephone in connection with the telegraph wires in all the treaty ports, and this affords me the opportunity to state that your great wealth and honorable fame are not only appreciated by your countrymen, but have been known to me for many years; and I hope you will confirm by cable the understanding that we have come to, and that you and your countrymen will furnish the necessary funds to open a Chinese-American bank in Tientsin, Shanghai, and all the treaty ports, for this is a scheme which will be of great benefit to you as well as to us."

"I have detailed several high mandarins to discuss the details of the undertaking with your agent MITKIEWICZ, and they have drawn out twelve statutes or clauses, with one special clause which I have approved.

"MITKIEWICZ will take these papers with him to America, and he will be expected to return their tenor as regards clearness. Promising you my full support whenever you may open such a bank, and that the Chinese mandarins and marshals will become its constituents.

"I am with great respect yours, etc., etc."

—H. H. CHANG, Viceroy and Minister Superintendent of Trade for the Northern Seaboard.

The scheme for the proposed bank is as follows:

- 1. The capital is to be provided by Chinese and American, and the bank is to be known as the Hwa-Mai-Tai bank, or Chinese-American Bank, under the protection of the Minister Superintendent of Trade for the Northern Seaboard.
- 2. The capital is to be ten millions in American silver dollars, in shares of one hundred dollars each, the Chinese to furnish one million and the American nine millions.
- 3. A Vice-President to represent America and will name a Vice-President to represent him in China.
- 4. The Chinese will also appoint a President and Vice-President, who shall have equal authority with the American officers of like grade.
- 5. The shareholders shall make the rules for the government of the President, and shall settle the number of employees, who shall be half Chinese and half American. They shall also select the managers of the different branches, who shall be either Chinese or American, as each case may require.
- 6. The branches to be established to have an American manager, there shall be a Chinese to assist and inspect and wherever there is a Chinese manager, there shall be an American to assist and inspect. This efficiency will be secured and irregularities prevented.
- 7. The Minister Superintendent of Trade for the Northern Seaboard.
- 8. The bank shall be organized first at Tientsin and at other places afterward, as may be required.
- 9. The Minister Superintendent of Trade shall have the privilege of making loans from this bank under the same conditions as may be extended to the American Government, and at the lowest rates of interest. The rate, time of payment, and other conditions to be fixed when the business is transacted.
- 10. When the Chinese Government decides to build railroads, open mines, and establish factories, it will borrow money from this bank, and the same conditions shall apply to all such loans as must first be submitted to the Minister Superintendent of Trade for the Northern Seaboard, with estimates of cost and revenue, before contracts are entered into.
- 11. All details must be set forth in the agreement, and receive the sanction of the Minister Superintendent of Trade. In case of important loans, the property to be mortgaged will be pledged as security. All orders for material shall be first submitted to the bank, which shall have the option to furnish the same at the cheapest prices quoted, and all purchases shall be made in accordance with the terms of the agreement.
- 12. The bank shall have power to establish a mint, to coin gold and silver according to designs approved by the Minister Superintendent of Trade for the Northern Seaboard. It shall also have the right to issue paper money equal in value to the gold and silver.
- 13. Loans for railways, mines, and factories shall be provided at specially low rates of interest, on condition that the bank shall participate in the profits of such undertakings, in terms to be agreed upon in each case as the loan is arranged for.
- 14. The shareholders shall of their free will make a loan to his Excellency the Minister Superintendent of Trade for the Northern Seaboard, in order to be repaid in one year, and in consideration of his protection and assistance the Chinese Government may borrow up to \$1,000,000 in addition, at the current rate of interest, for the same purpose.
- 15. Whenever the bank is established, or has branches, merchants requiring loans are to be accommodated on the security of reliable merchandise at low rates of interest. The terms and the people will be materially benefited.
- 16. The constitution and by-laws of this bank will be drawn up according to the forms prescribed in the National Banking Law of the United States, and should be approved by the Chinese and American authorities.
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vanced by Vasserman, who will hold the shares on reduced terms, and the interest on the loans may at any time take them up at par, paying thereon three per cent. interest for the term which has elapsed from the date of subscription.

From the foregoing free but sufficiently accurate translation of the Viceroy's letter, and the statutes for the International Bank, it will be seen that the Chinese have been by no means outwitted in the details of the business, but have carefully protected their real interests. It is also apparent that MITKIEWICZ must have told a brilliant story and held out flattering inducements to the Viceroy. As stated in our columns a few days since, there was no contract with MITKIEWICZ, no signature of the Empress, and no imperial seal. The astute Celestials merely gave to this plausible adventurer the privilege of seeing if he could make good the promises he had made. They may well regret that they were taken in by his attractive story, but for ever this they may excuse themselves when they consider the extraordinary character of the credentials the adventurer claimed to have had with him. Exactly how he succeeded in creating the impression that they were genuine yet remains to be explained. The indications are that they were tainted with fraud and forgery at both ends of the line, and especially in China.

The Friederichsruhe Interview.

That the conference between Prince BISMARCK and Signor CASATI, the Italian Prime Minister, was mutually satisfactory, may be inferred from the favorable although indefinite comments of newspapers respectively believed to represent those statesmen. Whether the desired military convention was actually signed we know not, nor are we likely to be made acquainted with its stipulations, except in the contingency of war, when the acts of the parties would speak for themselves. Then only should we learn what prize has been held up to Italy on her western frontier, as the reward for her support of Germany against France.

It is not surprising that the relation of King HUMBERG's Government to the Vatican had been officially discussed, so long as a great majority of the Italian Legislature insists on treating that subject as a purely domestic question, with which no foreign power can concern itself without impertinence. Whether, however, an informal understanding was not reached—and an understanding acceptable to the Papacy—we shall soon discover from the course pursued by clericals in Germany and Italy.

To an article inquiry by the reporter of a Frankfurt journal Signor CASATI is said to have replied with considerable heat that his conference with the German Chancellor had in no wise turned out a Roman question. He went even so far as to denounce the senseless newspaper conjecture on the subject—a conjecture primarily based on the Pope's plain intimation in a published letter to the Nunzio at Munich that the good offices of BISMARCK in Italy would only be a fair return for the exhibition of the Vatican's good will in Germany. "Methinks the lady doth protest too much," will be, we apprehend, the comment of some of Signor CASATI's radical comrades. His reverence's opinion of any allusion to a compromise with the Papacy would be more impressive, if so long as the Radicals keep the strength they now have in the Italian Chamber of Deputies, a responsible Minister could dare to say anything else. What in the minds of those who have watched his recent course, remains extremely questionable, is whether Signor CASATI's opinions might not undergo a startling change, should he on some specious pretext dissolve the present Parliament, and should the appearance of clerical voters at the polls result in returning to the next Chamber a majority disposed to conciliate the Vatican. Then it might turn out that the conjecture, which in eyes seem very senseless, would in his eyes seem very sensible; and he would avow with unctious that the voice of the people is the voice of God.

Yet while Signor CASATI showed the Frankfurt reporter that he knew how to retort on the right theme at the right juncture, he was more confidential with regard to the motives prompting Italy to oppose the Czar. His country, he said, could not permit the Mediterranean to be made a Russian lake. What he must have had in mind was rather a Franco-Russian lake, for that is what the Mediterranean would virtually become should the Czar gain Constantinople through a triumphant coalition with the French republic. But if Italy would guard effectually against such a contingency, she seems to require effectual guarantees in the shape of littoral possessions. Accordingly, some Continental newspapers, discussing Signor CASATI's declaration, have assumed that BISMARCK's overture to the Italian Premier with respect to Albania and Thessaly, two countries so freely dealt with happen, however, to be counted among the Sultan's possessions, and the threatened sequestration of his assets by his pretended friends may impel him to make the best terms possible with Russia. The first overt proof of such an odd partnership—and the proof may not be long lacking—would be the joint interposition of the Czar and Sultan in Bulgaria.

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The Massachusetts Reform Club, a collection of the most respectable and illustrious Mugwumps in that unfortunate State, had the impudence last Saturday night to send this despatch to Mr. CLEVELAND:

"Resolved, That this club hereby pledges to the President of the United States its cordial aid in supporting the dignity, independence, and fidelity to civil service reform of the Federal officers of Boston, the Collector, and the Postmaster."

The Collector and Postmaster of Boston show their dignity, independence, and fidelity by keeping Republicans in office, and treating the opinions and wishes of most of the Massachusetts Democracy with contempt. They are moreover guilty of disrepute, if not of actual insubordination, to the President, inasmuch as they flatly refuse to carry out the policy of a general removal of Republican officeholders, which he has finally put in force elsewhere.

The Massachusetts Mugwumps have thus put themselves in the ridiculous position of advising their support to officers whom it is the President's duty to remove.

But if the Massachusetts Reform Club were simply ridiculous, it would not be worth while to mention the fact, because it is obvious. Mugwumps are always ridiculous, and this particular collection of them is guilty of a breach of good taste and good manners. Not a man of them will vote for the Democratic candidate for Governor, because Gen. LOVELL is a Democrat and not a kaiserdom Mugwump. They are howling at

THE DEMOCRAT ALL WIT SUPPORT.

Col. Fellows Doesn't Name Him out Front—He Retains His Name in the County Democracy ratified, in Cooper Institute last night, the platform and candidates of the Democratic party. The committee meeting last night, the platform and candidates of the Democratic party. The committee meeting last night, the platform and candidates of the Democratic party.

Suppose the members of the Massachusetts Republican Club should telegraph to Mr. CLEVELAND pledging their support to SALTONSTALL and CORNER, what would be thought of the propriety of such a proceeding? What would people say if GEORGE FRIBBER HOAR, ALANSON W. BEARD, ADIN THAYER, JESSE GORR, and other untortified and unimportant Republican bosses in the Bay State, should sign a round robin to testify the pleasure they undoubtedly feel in the perilous inactivity of the Collector and the Postmaster?

Col. Fellows refrained from mentioning the name of this Democratic Presidential standard bearer.

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GOLENDY AND CLEVELAND.

The Governor's Reasons for Not Welcoming the President to Illinois.

SPRINGFIELD, Oct. 6.—Gov. Oglesby remained away from Chicago on the occasion of President Cleveland's visit, though he had a pressing invitation to go.

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TIPPU TIB'S NEW MISSION.

His Reception when he Arrived at the Scene of his Slave-hunting Exploits.

A remarkable experiment is now in progress in Central Africa. The Congo State is fighting fire with fire. In other words, it has taken into its service the greatest African slave dealers, and hopes through him to suppress the cruel slave trade which has been making the country fair and wide around Stanley Falls.

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INTERESTING GOSPEL OF THE DAY.

Mr. Jesse Seligman, the banker, when told that the Milwaukee affair had fallen through, smiled with a smile: "That doesn't surprise me any. We learned from my banker brother in Chicago that the arrangement with the Chinese Government was impossible. The mercantile world knew it was a bubble and expected it to burst in short order."

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WORK FOR DEMOCRATIC MANAGERS.

Can't Spare the Twelfth District and Dream of Getting the Senate.

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