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FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

Notes of Interest Gathered From Around  
About the National Capital.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 24, 1892.

Special Correspondence to The Progress:

The foreign student of American political economy would find Washington a very interesting place these days. Among the large number of senators and representatives of the present Congress already in town are sprinkled a few representatives-elect of the Fifty-Third Congress. Fully nine-tenths of the Congressmen now here are Democrats, and if there is a single one of them who is not bubbling over with the ideas of "how to do it" and "how not to do it" he has not been found. A great majority of them favor holding an extra session as early as April, but it is extremely doubtful whether a dozen of them agree upon what that extra session shall do when it is called. Some of them favor an immediate repeal of the present tariff law, which if carried into effect, would bring the tariff of 1883 into force again, which, while it would lower the duties many articles, would also restore the duties on many other articles now on the free list, among them, sugar. Such a move would unquestionably result in largely increasing the revenues of the government, but would it not be a practical confession of inability to make a tariff schedule all its own by the Democratic Congress, as the law of 1883 was a Republican measure, just as the present law is.

There are prominent Democrats who are earnestly advocating as the first thing that should be done at the extra session the enactment of a law authorizing an increase in the public debt by a new issue of bonds, but the more conservative men of the party will probably squelch this idea early, as it would certainly be unpopular.

One of the queerest things about the situation is that some of the most radical low tariff speeches in Congress are now the loudest shouters for going slow and not making the changes in the tariff too radical or too sudden. It demonstrates that the adage "give a man responsibility and you make him conservative" is not without wisdom.

It is expected that an attempt will be made at the coming session of Congress to take up and pass the bill providing for a tax upon all annual incomes in excess of \$5,000. Those who ought to know express the opinion that the bill would pass the House if it could be brought to a vote. The Senate as at present made up would not it is believed, even report the bill. Still if the House passes it the effect upon the next Congress and upon Mr. Cleveland, who is understood to be opposed to it, will not hurt its chances in the next Congress, when the necessity for raising money will be much greater than during this Congress.

Speaking of Mr. Cleveland, the democratic Congressmen did not receive his recent remarks expressing disgust for office-seekers with very good grace, and a number of them did not hesitate to say that he might at least have waited until such episodes of his own office-seeking as that dinner with the Tammany bosses had been forgotten by the public before he became disgusted with others who are ambitious of becoming office-holders.

"There are some big surprises in store," said a gentleman who supported Gen. Weaver in the late campaign, "for a majority of those who helped to make Cleveland President. I predict that if he fails to control his party in its Congressional legislation that he will make free use of his veto power. I regard his position on the ar at question of the day as being so near that occupied by President Harrison that I am certain that he will sign no bill, excepting such as relates to federal election laws, that would not have been approved by Mr. Harrison had he been re-elected and the democrats only secured both branches of Congress. It is merely a change of figure-heads; the same influences that have dominated Mr. Harrison will dominate Mr. Cleveland, and the much talked about tariff reform will in my opinion, turn out to be a very mild affair compared with what a majority of democrats expect it to be."

MR. W. J. SAYERS

Not Satisfied With the Glorious Victory  
of the Democratic Party.

FREEMAN, LA., November 27, 1892.

To the Editor of The Progress:

In a late issue of your paper you say the People's party is or will be unnecessary, as the Cleveland administration would give the relief asked for by the populists. Can fresh and salt water flow from the same fountain?

There is a fight on hand, and a bitter one, and it will be waged to the death. Eight millions of dollars is a very large sum of money, but each of the party machines uses that sum, or more in each national campaign. It is well known that they use it largely for corrupt purposes, but the most significant question is, where do they get it? The fact is, they sell the coming administration for the money to carry on the election.

Both parties do it, and there is no hope for an administration in the interest of the people and reform. Many of the old-time politicians have always committed their chances of re-election entirely to the party machine, and they have simply done its bidding. They have so far been successful, and cannot conceive of failure. They will fight till they find themselves in the condition in which Mr. Ingalls describes himself as now being in—a statesman out of a job. Any party or paper that is compelled to live by manufacturing false statements on the best men in our country had better stop. "Truth crushed to earth shall rise again; the eternal years are hers."

As a people belonging to no party, but will vote for principle, will contend for honest dealing, just laws, equal rights, we have banded ourselves together to protect honest men, doing legitimate business. We want nothing but honest men to endorse our motto. We ask no favor, but ask for an equal chance with others to educate and raise our families. Some say we have the same chance. Lay aside your selfishness and examine the unequal burdens and hardships placed upon productive industries by class legislation. We only ask laws repeated which are robbing our wives and children of the comforts of life, or laws to counteract the bad ones made; and we believe with a conscience as clear as the sun, that every honest man who does as above stated will come out on our side, from banker down to street peddler, for twenty-two years voting the Democratic ticket without a scratch. But good bye old ship, your hull is too rotten for me to risk on deep water. W. J. SAYERS.

AN IMPORTANT MOVEMENT.

Let Caddo Wake up.

IMMIGRATION.—Mansfield Democrat-Journal: A few days since a movement was inaugurated in this place in behalf of the material interests of the parish, one, which if taken by live, pushing men, those who own land and will dispose of it to immigrants on reasonable terms, can be made successful and profitable to all concerned and of great benefit to our whole people. The plan as outlined is for land owners to pool such tracts as they wish to sell, organize a joint stock company, having a charter as provided for under the laws of the State, and take such steps as may be deemed best in behalf of immigration and development. The movement is regarded with interest here, and it is hoped, will be the means of attracting hither much of that class of thrifty immigrant—which is continually leaving the North west.

In the matter of immigration three questions present themselves for solution: Does immigration help a country such as ours? Do we want it? Can we get it? We think all of these questions will be answered in the affirmative by our progressive land owners. The one on which there may be a difference of opinion is the last, but all can and we trust will be united on it after the proposed movement shall have been well understood. The plan presented is similar to the one adopted with so much success in the southwestern portion of the State. A few years since that section was almost a wilderness; and land was worth almost nothing. Through the exertions of the Southwest Land Company it has been settled by energetic and progressive Westerners and it is now the most prosperous part of the State. Our parish can offer superior inducements to those alluded to, and our land owners can settle their wild and abandoned lands with good people if they will make the effort to do so and act in concert.

DeSoto bears the name of being the home of progressive business men both merchants and farmers, whose bank account is generally on the right side; and when it is not their credit makes amends for the deficiency. Her name stands well abroad for enterprise and energy and in the step above noted it will be seen that her reputation is well deserved.

Now, THE PROGRESS would incite the business men of Caddo to arouse themselves to the necessity of the times. Let them take some action in the important matter of immigration, and while the spirit is at work let every North Louisiana parish rise in a concentrated movement.

St. Helena Echo: Mr. Arch Watson sent to our office on Wednesday last, a yam potato raised on his place which measured two feet three and a half inches in length and six inches in circumference. If any one doubts this let him call and see for himself.

Wagner Bros. has fine salt water fish every Friday morning and Sunday morning. Send them your orders.

DE SOTO'S POLICE JURY.

For the second time De Soto parish has been brought into prominence by some act of its police jury which made that body a laughing stock, and thereby attracted attention to the parish which gave it birth.

The former novelty which took place some years ago was some act whereby it placed its power superior to that of the District if not Supreme court and, we think, ordered the discharge of a prisoner serving out a term in the parish jail. If not this it was something equally ridiculous as the files of the Democrat will doubtless show, as it commented on it very strongly at the time.

The second instance took place at its last session in the adoption of the following:

"Be it resolved, That we, the Police Jury, do hereby resolve that no bills made by Justice's of the Peace and Constables when the crime to be punished is a misdemeanor or not necessarily punishable at hard labor, shall be paid until finally acted on by the grand jury and formally convicted by the court."

The police jury has about as much authority to carry out that resolution as they would this:

"Resolved, that the grand jurors shall receive no pay for the time employed in inquiring into cases on which they return bills, which a petit jury fails to sustain by a conviction."

The passage of the resolution referred to cannot add to the standing of this police jury abroad for enlightenment. The Legislature fixed the fees on justice's of peace and constable and we will risk a challenge as to our common sense on the assertion "that no police jury has the right to repeal or semi-repeal an act of our General Assembly."

We cheerfully grant that De Soto, a police jury is not the only body of its kind which arrogates to itself powers superior to that ever dreamed of for such bodies but there are still some benighted people even here in Caddo, who are so old foggy-fied that they will not admit it, though it may have been so declared by those who have the authority to make it so.

We don't know the makeup of the justices of peace and constables of De Soto parish, but we know a few in Caddo who will resent to the full extremity of the law any such autocratic attempt to override the law. Judge Taylor knows a little law himself as does also Judge Hall neither of whom we think, can be intimidated from rendering a decision against the defendants should the police juries ever be sued.

Wm. Mayo a negro hand on Mr. E. B. Herndon's plantation was stricken on the head with a spade in the hands of another negro named Taylor Dickerson on the same place last Saturday and dangerously wounded. The wounds were dressed by Dr. S. H. Hicks at the office of justice C. D. Hicks where Mayo had come to prefer charges against Dickerson and his son Hugh. Both of the accused surrendered Monday and were immediately bonded by Mr. Herndon. No definite clue as to the origin of the difficulty could be obtained.

Mr. Jules Dreyfuss was seriously injured in New Orleans Friday of last week while in a cab to which the team attached ran away. His left arm was broken which under the circumstances was a slight mishap as it might have been far worse. His numerous friends rejoice with him that the injury was no worse. He is out on the streets wearing his usual smile.

Mr. G. Blum an old and well known citizen of Shreveport died on Friday night of last week in the 78th year of his age.

"Keep off my corns" cries the lax official to THE PROGRESS which was merely treating on public affairs generally.

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