

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our regular Correspondent.)

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Senator Jones, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, found himself called upon very early in the game to pay the penalty of prominence in a National Campaign. In addition to having been maliciously lied about and misquoted he has been directly attacked and charged with mismanaging the campaign. It isn't Senator Jones that these people are after injuring, but Bryan and whose prospects are looking entirely too bright to please their enemies. As to the misquotation of his interview concerning the Southern populists, Senator Jones said before going to New York, where he will probably remain until after the National Committee meeting and the big Bryan and Sewall notification meeting, next week: "I did not say that Mr. Bryan would not accept the populist nomination, for I have no authority to say that. I did not say that as a general rule the southern populists were not a creditable class. On the contrary, I said that most of them were patriotic men who were working for a cause; that they were populists because they had believed they could promote their cause best through a new party; and that now they would support Bryan, because it was shown that their patriotic objects could be attained only through his election. That is what I said of the southern populists as a rule. As an exception I spoke of the class who were not creditable. I said there were some who were populists merely for their personal advancement; some who had become populists through selfish, and not patriotic motives. I spoke of these as the exceptional class who would not support Bryan. I said that as a rule the populists in the South would follow the patriotic course and support Bryan; that there were some who, for selfish motives, would not do so, but would prefer to have McKinley elected."

The charge of mismanagement against Senator Jones falls of its own weight, for the very good reason that there has been practically nothing to manage and will not be until the meeting of the National Committee in New York City on the 11th inst. when the membership of the executive committee will be announced and the general plan of the campaign mapped out and adopted. This charge was accompanied by a demand that Senator Gorman's services be requisitioned. That really explains one of the main objects of those who made the charge—to upset the extremely cordial relations existing between Senators Jones and Gorman, thus depriving the National Committee of the advice which Mr. Gorman has promised to give during the campaign in lieu of accepting the chairmanship of the executive committee which was offered him.

The gold democrats of New York may be quite the patriots they claim to be, but since it became known in Washington that they tried to make a deal with Mark Hanna to cast their votes for the McKinley electoral ticket in exchange for republican votes in the New York legislature for one of their number as Senator to succeed David B. Hill, they are classed as plain, everyday disgruntled politicians, more bent upon getting office than upon defending principles.

Unless all the reports from W. Va. are wrong, which is not at all likely, that state will certainly give Bryan and Sewall a large majority. Among the West Virginians in Washington this week was Chairman Chilton of the Democratic State committee. He says it is only a question of how large a majority the state will give the democratic ticket, as the republicans are flocking to the support of Bryan and free coinage—in one county alone 722 republicans have joined Bryan and Sewall clubs.

The size of the democratic majority in Alabama indicates with unerring certainty that the most of the populists in the South will return to the democratic party, thus realizing the prediction made when Bryan was nominated. It also increased the difficulty of Tom Watson putting up a claim for democratic recognition which will receive any attention. The South will be practically solid for Bryan and Sewall, although Maryland may be lost on account of the moneyed and corporate influences of Baltimore being thrown for McKinley and the gold standard.

Salaries of Rulers.

The British Government pays the royal family \$3,000,000 yearly. Of this amount Queen Victoria receives \$2,000,000 besides her income from the duchy of Lancaster which amounts to \$250,000. The Prince of Wales gets \$500,000 a year for the labor of being heir apparent. The pay of the lord lieutenant of Ireland is \$100,000. Italy pays her king \$2,000,000 a year. The German Emperor receives \$4,000,000, besides a large revenue from estates belonging to the royal family. The Czar of Russia owns in fee simple one thousand square miles of cultivated land, in addition to a fixed income of \$12,000,000. If young Alphonse of Spain saves his money he will be one of the richest sovereigns of Europe by the time he attains his majority. His present income is \$1,400,000 a year. France pays her president a salary of \$240,000 a year, while the President of the United States receives only \$50,000. Until 1873 the president's salary was only \$25,000.

CHICKENS COME TO ROOST.

Political chickens, like others, have a habit of coming home to roost. The Republican party, in advocacy of a protective tariff, has always maintained that this country is large enough in resources to enable it to build a stone wall around itself and still thrive without commercial intercourse with the Old World.

A man whose mind is not clear on the silver question goes to the New York Sun for enlightenment, and wishes to know if the above named position of the protectionist is correct, why the same rule should not apply to an independent monetary system.

The Sun's explanation is that the protectionists lie.

A CONFERENCE NEEDED.

The McKinley press should get together and agree upon some mode of attack upon Bryan because of his age. As it is now, one organ will declare that he is too young to hold the responsible position of President, while another will endeavor to belittle his claim to public favor on that score by referring to the youthful age of Alexander, 24 when he conquered the world, and then wept because there were no more worlds in sight.—States.

Some of the Chinese customs would do credit to a Christian people. On every New Year's morning each man and boy, pays a visit to his mother. He carries her a present, varying in value according to his station, thanking her for all she has done for him, and asks a continuance of her favor for another year. They are taught to believe that mothers have an influence for good over their sons all through life.

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