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PROTECTION OR DRESS PARADE.

The question of the removal of the troops from Fort Bayard to Fort Marcy, it appears, has not yet been fully decided. There ought not to be the slightest hesitation in regard to this matter as it is simply a question as to whether the troops are in this part of the country for the protection of the citizens or for the purpose of getting out on a parade ground for the diversion of persons who have an abundance of time to observe and applaud.

The troops at Fort Marcy were called out during the strike on the Santa Fe to preserve order in the northern part of the territory, and this is the only instance in recent years when the troops at Santa Fe have been of the slightest service to the country. It is true that the citizens of Santa Fe and visitors to that town have been entertained and delighted by the regimental band which was stationed there and have looked upon the gallant boys in blue with tender eyes as they have maneuvered on dress parade, but beyond this the troops at Santa Fe have rendered their country little service.

On the other hand the troops at Fort Bayard have been frequently called upon to protect the citizens of this part of the territory from the raids of hostile Indians. They rendered as efficient service during the railroad strike as did the troops from Fort Marcy and since that time they have been called out to scour the country in search of Indians. It is a well known fact that since the surrender of Geronimo in the fall of 1886 the country has not been rid of hostile Indians. Depredations have been almost continually committed by the Kid and his few followers in Arizona, New Mexico or Mexico.

Within the past ten days depredations have been reported both in Arizona and in this county and an outbreak of Indians from the San Carlos reservation at any moment would be no surprise to the residents of New Mexico and Arizona who are acquainted with the ways of the

Apaches. If the troops are maintained by the government for the purpose of protecting the lives and property of the citizens of the United States and the protection of the flag, it would seem that no commanding officer would be so forgetful of this duty to his country as to recommend the removal of troops from a post where they are continually needed, to a place where their principal duty would be to furnish amusement for admiring ladies and gentlemen whose occupations are not of such a nature as to prevent them from devoting a considerable part of their time to listening to the sweet strains of music furnished by government musicians and to observing the evolutions of the troops on the parade ground.

It is a question of protection or dress parade. Simply this and nothing more. All that is necessary in the matter is to put the case to Secretary Lamont just as it is. He is a man of good sense and discretion and may be relied upon to do the right thing every time when he is in possession of the facts.

FOR A THIRD TERM.

That there are prominent democrats in the country who hope to see Cleveland nominated for a fourth time is very much in evidence and it is a matter not to be treated lightly. In this part of the country there are many democrats, including Anthony Joseph, who believe that Vice President Stephenson will be the nominee of the democratic party next year for the presidency but Mr. Stephenson is more likely to be killed by lightning than he is to receive the nomination for the presidency next year at the hands of the democracy.

The fight next year in the national democratic convention will be between the monometallists and the silver men. If the monometallists capture the convention the nominee of the convention will be Grover Cleveland, but if the silver men gain control the nomination will very probably be given to Joseph C. Sibley whose record on the silver question is such that he will command the vote of the silver men of the country.

There is not the slightest doubt but that the great majority of business men of the east are in favor of the nomination of a monometallist for the presidency next year and the democrats are in favor of the nomination of Cleveland for the reason that his record on the silver question has been consistent and in accordance with their views on the question.

If the democrats of the west and south want to see a silver man in the presidential chair they will have to present an unbroken line in the convention. A division of the silver forces will be fatal to the consummation of the end desired. If the silver forces be divided between the democrats, populists and

bimetallic party, the gold bugs will have an easy victory and the country will continue to suffer a continuance of the business depression which has prevailed for the past two years.

The business men of the east are being converted slowly but it is rather too much to expect that a majority of them will favor silver by the time the next national conventions meet and the battle will have to be fought between the east on the one side and the south and west on the other. That Cleveland has a firm hold on the democrats of the east cannot be denied and if he is to be beaten in the convention the opposition will have to be united and organized. Any division of the silver forces will result in certain and disastrous defeat and this cannot be too forcibly impressed upon the minds of the friends of the white metal.

The republican party is too strongly committed to the gold standard for any relief to be seriously thought of in that direction. If silver is to be restored to its rightful place as a money metal, it will have to be done through the democratic party and in order to accomplish this it will be necessary for the silver forces to pull together and make an earnest fight in the next democratic convention.

THE New Mexican remarks that "Justice is stalking about New Mexico with both eyes wide open these days." It is high time that Justice should make her appearance in New Mexico, and if the number of convictions which have been had in the courts within the past month are any indication that Justice is here, her coming will be welcomed by all of the good citizens of the territory. The doors of the penitentiary ought to close on many of the citizens of this territory who are now enjoying their freedom, and it is sincerely to be hoped that violators of the law will get their just deserts.

It is really quite amusing to see how the gold bugs of the east are skurrying around to get under cover. The silver sunlight is too strong for them and they are really beginning to be fearful that the masses of the people of the country will get at the truth of the financial question before the time for the next presidential election. The people of the east are being educated very rapidly on this question and it will not be long before they will be as well posted on the silver question as are the residents of New Mexico.

JAPAN has decided that China must pay \$271,800,000 indemnity and make other valuable cessions to Japan before peace will be declared. It is quite probable that China will comply with the demands of Japan.