

Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—There may be absolutely nothing in the stories of President Cleveland's intention to run for the Presidency again on a free trade, gold standard platform; but the semi-official announcement that he would not appoint the three Presidential Commissioners nor commission the six Congressional commissioners to the proposed international monetary conference has given those stories a fresh start and set a lot of people to thinking. The ostensible reason for this non-action on the part of President Cleveland is that the conference which will be held, if any is, will not be of the sort which Congress authorized the United States commissioners to take part in, but the opinion is openly expressed that his real reason is his opposition to silver. He knows that should he complete the commission, as contemplated by Congress, it would necessarily be controlled by silver men, even should he select three gold men to represent him; and he does not desire that the United States should appear at any international conference as the champion of silver. There are good reasons for belief that had the appointment of the commissioners been left with the President the objection now raised would never have been heard. But the commission would have been controlled by the gold men had Mr. Cleveland named the commissioners. There is some talk about the three senators and three representatives named by Congress as commissioners going to the conference, if one is held, in spite of President Cleveland. Congress appropriated \$100,000 to pay for expenses they could, of course, go if they desired, but there is no probability that they would be recognized as delegates to the conference, unless they carried commissions signed by the President of the United States.

Secretary Gresham is not the first man to discover that fool friends are much worse than enemies. While his enemies have been openly criticizing him for allowing his personal dislike of Minister Thurston to cause him to demand that he be recalled by the government of Hawaii, his fool friends have been doing him much more harm by circulating a story to the effect that if Mr. Thurston should attempt to remain in Washington after his successor shall have been appointed Secretary Gresham would deport him by force, just as Chinese laborers who came in to the United States illegally are reported, as an objectionable character. And the reason given by these fool friends of Secretary Gresham is worse than silly. They say that Mr. Thurston by reason of his extensive acquaintance and influence with congressmen might be able to get Hawaiian legislation through Congress which might be objectionable to the administration. Just think of that! One citizen of insignificant Hawaii more powerful with congress—in the eyes of friends of the administration—than the administration! Certainly the fool killer must be taking a rest. Meanwhile Minister Thurston has started on his way without waiting for his recall.

The application of Eugene Debs and his associates to the U. S. Supreme Court for a writ of habeas corpus, on the ground that they are unconstitutionally imprisoned, was argued this week. Attorney General Olney speaking against the motion, and Mr. C. S. Darrow, of Chicago, for it. It is expected that it will be several weeks before a decision is handed down in this case, which will probably furnish a precedent for some years after it is made, unless the court shall be nearly evenly divided upon it. Attorney General Olney gave a dinner to the counsel engaged in the case. The guests were Ex Senator Lyman Trumbull, C. S. Darrow, and S. S. Gregory, of Debs' counsel; Edwin H. Walker and Assistant Attorney General Whitney, of the government counsel; Chief Justice Fuller and wife and Secretary Lamont and wife.

The atmosphere around the Department of State is decidedly less jingoistic than it has been. None of the diplomatic tangles have been straightened out, but they all probably will be in time without calling for volunteers to go to war. Spain has been heard from, in an explanatory, if not an apologetic, tone. The most troublesome questions now are the real intentions of England towards Nicaragua and Venezuela. If threats which have been made were carried out the Monroe doctrine would be violated

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The Tar-r-r-r!

EDITOR PILOT.—The Republican in its last issue told us that as a result of Democratic free trade, the farmers of this country in the three years, have lost, in the sheep industry alone, \$49,935,503; and it further adds that this is only an example of the general rate of depreciation of values of all other agricultural products.

There is not a sheep raiser in Jasper county but what knows that under republican protection he has for years, been selling his wool lower and lower every season.

Now honestly just how much does the tariff effect the farmers. This country for 30 years was under republican protection and for 20 years of this time every honest intelligent man will say that there has been a general decline in farm products.

True there have been some variations in the price of certain crops in a period of one two and three years, but will acknowledge that the general tendency has been downward.

Under the McKinley tariff we sold oats from the machine for 15 cents, this year they brought 25, under the McKinley protection wheat was worth 60 cents now it goes for 45.

In the days of McKinleyism we sold a good cow for \$25 dollars we have just sold one, scarcely so good for \$36.

In the early days of the last republican tariff we sold hogs for \$3.50 now they are going at

\$4.50. Cattle have brought as good prices under the Wilson tariff as they did under the McKinley law. Five years ago a good horse was worth \$125 now \$45 will buy one just as good. Land in Jasper county has advanced from 35 to 40 per cent.

Grover Cleveland was elected the last time. Will the Republicans please show us how this difference of prices can be attributed to either high or low tariff, and will it tell why prices decline so under protection.

If Democratic free trade is bringing such distress and loss why does the Republican say the tariff will not be an issue in '96?

The New York Tribune, the leading republican paper of the United States, said two weeks ago, that the reaction on dutiable goods effected by the new tariff is less than 1 per cent.

Can it be that this light reaction is depressing industry and wages are lowering the price of horses and raising the price of Jasper County Swamp land? The average duty under the present tariff is as high as the republican tariff of '83. Did the great Republican party keep in force for seven years, a tariff law that reduced wages and lowered the price of our products? If the tariff is not to be the issue of '96, why do not the republicans drop it and begin to enlighten us on the main question. A FARMER.

A Wonderful Prophecy.

"Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and behold there stood before the river a ram which had two horns; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last. I saw the ram pushing westward; so that no beast might stand before him. Neither was there any that could deliver out of his hands; but he did according to his will, and became great. And as I was considering, behold, a he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes, and he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power. And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram that had two horns, and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him; and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hands." The ram is the Rothschilds, the two horns Wall Street and Lombard street, and the goat is the labor of America. This is found in the 8th chapter of the prophecy of Daniel, from the third to the seventh verses.

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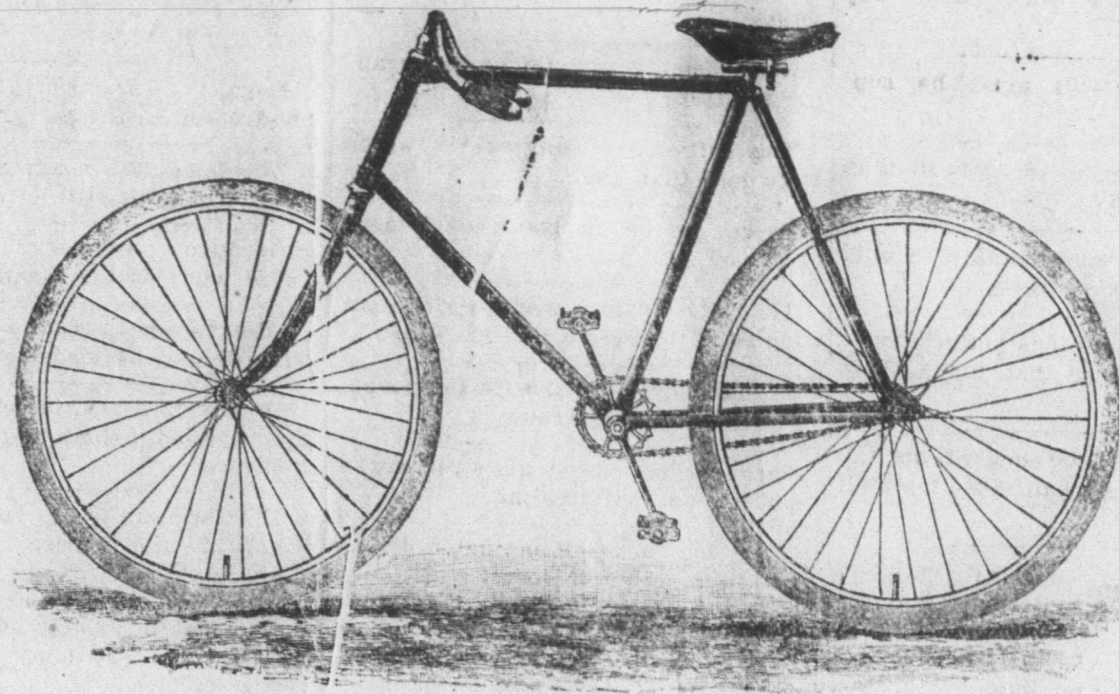
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