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WASHINGTON NOTES.

Political rumors have been unusually plentiful since Mr. Bryan's visit to Washington—he was here all day yesterday and last night. He consulted with men who were managing the Washington end of his campaign; also with Senator Gorman, who although not officially designated as such, is generally understood to be in charge of Mr. Bryan's interests in the east. One of the rumors which bears an air of probability is that Senator Gorman tried to impress upon Mr. Bryan the advisability of changing the tone of his speeches, especially that portion of them which deals with the bolting democrats. Mr. Gorman is inclined to think it had policy for Mr. Bryan to abuse the bolters, as he has lately been doing. Whether he will take Mr. Gorman's advice is a question. According to some of his leading supporters, Mr. Bryan has insisted upon having his own way about the management of his campaign from the day he was nominated. He has a strong belief in the certainty that the people are going to elect him anyway. There is no doubt about his believing himself to be "a man of destiny," with as much faith as ever President Cleveland believed himself to be such.

No matter whether you are for or against him, no man who has attended one of the public meetings addressed by Mr. Bryan can truthfully deny that he is a drawing attraction; not that he possesses a wonderful faculty for arousing enthusiasm among his hearers. Notwithstanding a heavy rain storm just after he had begun his Washington speech, the meeting was probably the largest gathering of the sort ever held at the national capitol, and this, too, in the face of the fact that only those holding tickets—about 2,000—could be provided with seats. More than 20,000 stood up to hear him, among them being many from the surrounding country who had come in during the day for no other purpose than to hear Mr. Bryan talk. The large attendance at the meeting demonstrated his drawing capacity and the enthusiasm of his hearers, although he spoke less than half an hour, demonstrated his oratorical power—"personal magnetism" they used to call the same faculty in the late Jas. G. Blaine. Call it what you will, Bryan has it, just as Mr. Blaine and Henry Ward Beecher had, and Col. Robert G. Ingersoll has. The enthusiasm was somewhat surprising to many, because it is known that practically all of the minor government employes and those who are directly or indirectly interested in their retention of office are opposed to the election of Mr. Bryan, regardless of their politics because of their belief that he favors a clean sweep in order to give the outs a chance to see how they would like working for Uncle Sam.

When Secretary Carlisle, who is now with President Cleveland, returns to Washington this week, it is expected that the policy of the administration towards the campaign will at once become apparent. Inasmuch as Secretary Carlisle intends himself to take the stump for the gold democratic ticket, it is regarded as doubtful whether he will dismiss those of his subordinates who have already taken the stump for the silver democratic ticket, notwithstanding previous reports that he would. This is merely a new application of "what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander." If it be proper for a member of the administration to take the stump for one ticket, it would be a little odd to punish another member for taking the stump for another ticket.

It is noticeable that although the populists and democratic headquarters are under the same roof and that the parties are both working for the election of the same president, if not the same vice-president, that the populists are not endorsing the claims put forward by the democrats of the certainty

of Bryan's election. On the contrary the populists content themselves with expressing the hope that Bryan will be elected, and that fusion on a satisfactory basis will be arranged in all the states having a large populist vote. Chairman Butler does not say as much, but other populists do say that they see no possible show for Bryan to win without a combination of the democrats and populists upon a single electoral ticket in a number of states where they now have or threaten to have separate tickets. The influence of the populist national committee has been very small small in a number of these states, and especially so in several states in which the populists have almost a majority of the voters. It is known that prominent populists oppose the policy of the democratic national committee in spreading out its resources in states where Bryan has little or no show, instead of concentrating them in such states as Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota all of which they believe could be carried for him.

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So much to lose so much to miss,
So much to grieve, for day by day
The clinging arms, the good night kiss,
The toys to put away.
How could we bear this heavy cross,
The loneliness, the cruel pain;
Did we not know our earthly loss
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