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GORMAN TO START BOOM AT ST. LOUIS FOR MR. CLEVE.

Maryland Senator Is Placing Party Harmony Before His Old Personal and Political Grudge—Betting Changes.

BEST POSTED POLITICIANS POINT TO CONFERENCE

Directions the Convention Wind May Blow Is Indicated by Views of Party Leaders at the National Capital, Who Are Inclined to Change Opinions.

Special Dispatch to The Inter Ocean.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., June 29.—That Grover Cleveland will keep in close touch with the Democratic national convention is shown by the fact that he is having a private telegraph line built from Marion to his summer home at Sandwich, a distance of fifteen miles. Mr. Cleveland is expected to arrive at Sandwich tomorrow.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., June 29.—There was considerable betting in Washington today that Grover Cleveland will be the Presidential nominee of the Democrats at St. Louis, caused by the fact that Senator Gorman of Maryland, who has been one of the chief workers of the Democratic machine for a long time, has come out flat-footed for a third term. Men who were asking long odds against Cleveland two weeks ago are now remodeling their calculations.

Those who are putting up the Cleveland money are considered among the best-posted politicians in Washington. The conference held here at which Senator Gorman, Senator Smith of New Jersey, John R. McLean of Ohio, Senator Gibson of Maryland, Judge Jeff Pennypacker, and others took part was for the purpose of mapping out final plans for the presentation of the name of Cleveland at St. Louis as the opposition nominee.

No Trouble to Block Parker.

The promoters of the movement, of which Senator Gorman is one of the chief supporters, are confident that they will be able to head off Parker's nomination, and believe that Cleveland will be nominated there will be still less trouble in nominating Cleveland.

Mr. Gorman has admitted to close friends within the last few days that Mr. Cleveland is not personally objectionable to him, had been his political enemy for years, and that it would be objectionable to him personally to see Mr. Cleveland nominated, but that under the circumstances it is the only way in which the Democrats can hope to nominate the man they could win.

Mr. Gorman has stated that Mr. Cleveland is the only man who can carry New York, as well as carrying Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, and Rhode Island, with possibly Massachusetts thrown in. The Maryland Senator was asked what he thought of Parker's chances in the West and South, and said that he was satisfied the former President would be heavily and enthusiastically supported by the people of the South if he was nominated, notwithstanding the fact that there was still a lingering prejudice in the minds of some Southerners against Cleveland.

Business South for Cleveland.

Senator Gorman went on to say that there had been millions of dollars of capital poured into the South from the North within the last few years, and that many of the Northern men who were furnishing this capital have informed their friends in the South that Mr. Cleveland is by large odds the strongest man that could be nominated and that his nomination would insure the country would support him with confidence.

Mr. Gorman has told his friends that he is not in a position to openly let his movements in favor of Mr. Cleveland be known, but that he is doing all many conservative men in the country think is best for the interests of the President.

The fact that Senator Gorman is supporting Cleveland has become known to Maryland Democrats, and the change in the sentiment toward Cleveland has been started in that state, and Mr. Gorman feels that when he goes to St. Louis he will go there with the united wishes of the people of Maryland behind him that he support Mr. Cleveland at the right time.

Betting Odds for Cleveland.

Backers of the Cleveland combination pointed out today that it will be an impossibility for Parker to be nominated without the votes of Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri, Connecticut, New York, and some of the other New England states, as it will vote for Mr. Gorman himself is receive enough votes. It is the intention of the men controlling these states to support Cleveland, and they will be able to do the time comes for the use of the name of Mr. Cleveland, and then they will go to him in a way that is expected to completely fix the convention.

Mr. Gorman has privately made it known that he has no idea that Judge Parker will receive over 400 votes in the convention at any time, and is confident that after a few votes there men will be ready to leave him and vote for Cleveland.

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CARTER II. EXPURGATES HIS LETTER TO SWEDISH KING

Takes Out a Few "Royals," an "Illustrious," and a "Very Obedient," but Sends Cordial Invitation to Visit Chicago.

[illegible] that doth hedge a king" strikes to [illegible] to the heart of our democratic people. All rulers look alike to the assassin of destiny who holds the scepter in the hall [illegible]

Carter Harrison yesterday wrote a letter to the King of Sweden. He acknowledges that he has first kings as his correspondents, and, under the circumstances, called to his aid a prominent French-American citizen who has seen something of court life on the fatherland.

The letter was written at the request of Mayor Harrison by Count [illegible], member of the royal bodyguard to make a visit to Chicago. The former courtier wrote a model letter for Mayor Harrison to copy. The mayor copied it, but with some erasures and changes. The letter as sent to the King of Sweden with royalty during Prince Henry's visit in no way related his startling democracy. Carter Harrison, mayor of Chicago and friend of the King of Sweden, received a letter from the latter monarch [illegible] by the invitation the mayor is to visit Chicago [illegible] caused not by Carter H[illegible]

"To His Royal Majesty, the King of Sweden and Norway—[illegible]

"Sir: I have received a number of representative citizens of Chicago intend to express their sincere desire for a (royal) visit to this city of ours (illegible) descendant of your royal stalwart. I beg leave to [illegible] that I have taken the liberty to [illegible] your kingdom to make a visit to Chicago. The former courtier wrote a model letter for Mayor Harrison to copy. The mayor copied it, but with some erasures and changes. The letter as sent to the King of Sweden with royalty during Prince Henry's visit in no way related his startling democracy.

"Your royal majesty's very obedient,

"——————

"Very respectfully yours."

SANTOS DUMONT THOUGHT TO KNOW WHO SLASHED BALLOON

Aeronaut Denies Rumor of Assistant's Guilt—Report After Investigation Causes Comment at St. Louis.

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ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 29.—In connection with the mysterious cutting of the balloon in which Santos Dumont was to have made an ascension at the St. Louis exposition on July 4 rumor heralded forth here today to the effect that Santos Dumont was himself responsible for the cutting of the balloon. This rumor, which originated in Paris and in the matter Mr. Dumont characterized the rumor as ridiculous and asserted that the fact that he would have nothing to gain by it fully damaging his balloon.

In a report made after thoroughly investigating the affair Lieutenant Colonel Glassford, inspector in command of the Jefferson Guards at the exposition, declared that the only person under special guard over the balloon and that his office was refused by Mr. Dumont, who on being asked yesterday if he would not be advisable to place the cover on the balloon, has replied that he wished that [illegible] to be in constant contact with the air.

It is stated in the report that one of Mr. Dumont's assistants carried a large sharp knife, such as would be necessary to cut the balloon, with him. The statement failed to find credence in St. Paris, and said that he would not risk an accusation in the incident [illegible]

"I have been accused of trying to force the hand of the exposition authorities in order to have my balloon ascension accepted, but this is not true," said the aeronaut. "As to how it was cut, I cannot believe. That would I have to gain by such an act? The balloon is insured for $1,000 and I intend to go to Portland next week to make a flight for a purse of $2,000. Besides, I have the utmost confidence in the officials in the charge of damaging the balloon, was reprehensible, reckless and criminal, and would be condemned by all fair-minded people.