

empire of the United States," Senator Wolcott went on. "We have already millions of acres of land under cultivation and every inch of the Colorado desert will some day be cultivated. Within not many years we will have a great storage system which catch the water of the Rocky mountains and spread it over that vast area. When it does every inch of that land will laugh with the harvest. There is no land so rich as the Colorado desert. Wherever you find the sage brush growing you may know the land is full of meat. All it wants is water, and with irrigation we will never have a failure of crops. I am not talking in a boasting way. Colorado is destined to be the greatest state of the Union, and the young men of the west are to be the most influential men of the future.

#### THE YOUNG MEN OF THE WEST.

"Tell me something about the young men of the west."

"The east does not understand the west," said Senator Wolcott. "Our people are made up of the cream of the east and the live men of today live west of the Mississippi. They are young, energetic and steel muscled. They are careful thinkers, and I believe in the future they are destined to be the balance wheel which will keep the machinery of the United States in order. They hold to it because they believe that both metals should be used as money. They think it wrong to place the national currency on credit. On a gold basis, if we could turn all of that metal that the world owns into coin, we would yet lack eighty per cent. of the money required to do the business of the world. This means that four fifths of our currency has got to be on credit. The moment you begin to base the national currency on credit you are at sea and the only limit to its issue is in the faith that the leaders of parties have in the government. The young men of the west are thinkers upon all political questions and their physical surroundings are such as to make them a great people. Colorado is fitted for the nursery of great men. The greatest peoples of the past have been in the mountains or on the seashore. Their physical surroundings stimulate their intellects, breed in them imagination, harden their muscles and give variety to their life. In my state you keep your lungs filled with ozone. You breathe champagne as it were, and all that there is in you is gotten out. People who get their living out of the fat loam of the prairies breed into mediocre sameness. Their towns are all the same and all alike. The people are every day the same flat, uninteresting landscape, and their only conversation is whether there will be forty or forty-five bushels to the acre."

#### RATHER HARD ON THE PRESIDENT.

"By the way, Senator, I see that Colorado is fast changing its politics. Is the state going to belong to the populists?"

"No," replied Senator Wolcott. "Our mining population and our farmers don't care a cent, for the populists. They were disgusted with Harrison and did not like Cleveland. They wanted to show their displeasure at the way things were going and they voted for the third party. This was so all over the country, and had we nominated any other republican but Harrison he would have been elected. Had Blaine been nominated I believe he would be alive to-day and would have taken his place in the White House on the 4th of

March. The unpopularity of our candidate was surprising. I don't speak of him so on personal grounds. We of Colorado never made but one request of him during his administration, and this he did not grant. Had he granted it it would have made no difference. He is a peculiar character. He is the only man I know who could offend a man in granting his request. He can't even say 'yes' decently, and there is hardly public man in the country whom he has not insulted or angered. This was felt in the Republican party all over the Union and there was a deadly apathy in our ranks. We would have carried New York if we had had a full Republican vote and I am sure we would have elected our ticket had some one else headed it.

#### THE WEST AND THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

"Another reason for President Harrison's failure," Senator Wolcott went on, "is that he has paid no attention to the west during his administration. His trip to California did him no harm and not much good. You can't affect the people of the west by bows and promises. They want acts and work. Harrison offended them by proclaiming against silver in advance of legislation and he worse than ignored the west by giving us a Secretary of the Interior who had no conception of us nor western interest. Secretary Noble has been utterly inefficient and impracticable. He has hampered rather than furthered the interests of the country. Why, he actually tied up 6,000,000 acres in Colorado to keep it from being settled. The Interior Department is the greatest business department of our government. Its head should be a good lawyer, but at the same time a practical, far-seeing business man. We want the biggest men, the proudest men and the best men of the country for such positions. We want men who know the United States and as to the Interior Department, men who are acquainted with the west and western interests I don't know who President Cleveland's Secretary of the Interior will be, but it is to be hoped that he will come from the west."

#### CAL. BRICE AND THE PRESIDENTIAL BEE.

Senator Calvin S. Brice of Ohio has within the past two years jumped away to the front as a national quantity. He is one of the most influential men of the Senate, and he has made friends by the thousands during his stay here in Washington. He is a man of wonderful clearness of intellect, great powers of organization and unbounded ambition. While I was in Ohio I visited the part of the state from which he came and I found evidence everywhere that a great big presidential bee has gotten into his auburn hair, and that his schemes are pointing to the White House. He hoped that the presidential lightning would strike him at the convention which nominated Cleveland last year, and he is in the White House race for the future for all he is worth. There is no limit to his ambition and he has a far better chance of success than one would at first glance imagine. He comes from a pivotal state. He is a present the strongest democratic quantity in that state and he is making himself stronger every day. There is no man in the Senate who has a better political organization than Mr. Brice. He keeps a corps of clerks constantly at work sending out documents, seeds and letters to his constituents, and

he has studied the people of Ohio so that he knows them almost down to individuals. Every editor in the state has received from him a map, and nearly every prominent democrat has a big photograph of Brice, which has been mailed to him with the Senator's compliments. Throughout the back districts you can find letters from Senator Brice to leading farmers which are framed by them and hung up in their parlors as mementoes of their acquaintance with a great man. All of the colleges and educational institutions get the Smithsonian, geological survey and educational reports, with what appear to be private letters from Mr. Brice, and every farmer who could do his cause any good has had one of these horse books, which are very hard to get, but which Senator Brice's men have captured and sent out in some way or other. Brice is working on a grand scale the same scheme that one of his agents, ex Congressman LeFevre, worked when he was in the House. LeFevre confined it to his district. Brice has extended it to the whole state of Ohio, and before this session is over the scheme will probably include in one way or other the leading democrats of the whole United States. There is nothing like personal contact or contact by letter with a man to insure his vote and his support, and Brice is working this thought to the fullest extent. He is sparing no money to make himself felt and his millions are merely tools in his hands. A part of his scheme is his big social career at Washington, upon which he has entered by renting the Corcoran mansion and remodeling it at vast expense. He spent last year something like \$1,200 a month for his rooms at the Arlington, and he gave one dinner which is said to have cost him \$12,000. I find that this last fact is hurting him to some extent in Ohio. Democrats who work for \$1 a day are astounded at a man paying \$12,000 for a single dinner, and they can't understand how human stomachs can eat so much money at one time. He has given a big dinner nearly every week this season and his entertainments have been the finest of the year. He started life, you know as a poor boy. He has made his own fortune and the probability is that he can be far more extravagant in expending it and keeping the good will of the people than a man who started life rich. He never makes any fuss about his charity, but I happen to know that he gives away a great deal to the poor. Not long ago he gave \$500 to a church in a little town near Lima and during the late cold snap he gave orders for hundreds of barrels of flour to be bought and distributed to the poor in different parts of the country. FRANK G. CARPENTER.

It is gratifying to know that the performance of the Light of Asia was a grand success, artistically and financially, at Ogden. It shows the cultivation and good taste of our Junction friends when they so generously patronize and enthusiastically receive home-made music—music which, by the bye, it would be difficult to excel if not to equal anywhere. The Choral society is a worthy institution of our city, and we sincerely trust that hereafter it and its worthy leader and instructor may receive such a measure of encouragement as will justify them in soaring to still higher flights.