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In Executive Session.

There is one supremely good and sufficient reason for the decision of the Senate to conduct the debate on the Hawaiian annexation treaty with closed doors rather than in open session. Since the European powers began their moves in the great game for the partition of China, the question of annexing Hawaii has assumed for us a new aspect, exceedingly important. If there had never been until this time any justifiable demand for the acquisition of Hawaii by the United States, the suddenly developed situation in the Far East would be conclusive in that respect. Hawaii must be ours.

In Ohio.

The plain truth about recent political events in Ohio is this: Selfishness and ambition entered into a conspiracy to repudiate the pledge and mandate of the Republican Convention, to divide the Republican party in the State, and to strike a treacherous blow at the McKinley Administration over the shoulders of the man who made the McKinley Administration possible.

All Eyes on Pettigrew!

We commend to the strict attention and intelligent study of the Senators of the United States, and of all patriotic Americans, the line of policy which the Hon. RICHARD FRANKLIN PETTIGREW of Sioux Falls may adopt while the Hawaiian treaty is pending. This advice is not given in a spirit of jocosity. It is intended in dead earnest.

Anniversaries of 1848.

A series of anniversaries that are causing uneasiness to every government in Europe, by recalling the revolutionary events of 1848, begins to-day with celebrations in Sicily, at one of which Signor CRISPI, who was a Deputy in the Sicilian Parliament of that year, will speak. Fifty years ago a handful of badly armed men, selecting King BOMBA's birthday as the occasion for protest against the tyranny of his government, started a riot in the streets of Palermo with as little apparent possibility of success as any of the dozens of similar attempts that had ended, as soon as made, with the execution of the insurgents.

The Shame of the Herald.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—After your exposure of the Herald's relations with Spain it smells to heaven. The cloak worn by the Herald in its Sunday sermon is not long enough nor broad enough to cover its every sin. To the Herald and its owner deserves and should have the execration and contempt of every friend of liberty throughout, not only the civilized world, but wherever the tale can be understood; for even uneducated men should be able to see that the Herald is a creature with whom he should have nothing to do.

Reading of Poetry Not Declining.

A publishing house in New York has undertaken to collect statistics bearing upon the popular appreciation of poetry, and in the January number of "Current Literature" presents the results. The statistics show that the "Yes" meaning that, in the opinion of the person consulted, interest in poetry is declining; "No" meaning that it is not.

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simulated, as in his way. We may be sure that nothing was neglected, from sugar to cyclonic visit of disinterested curiosity and self-imposed investigation. It is even possible that the Senator from South Dakota came into contact with the members of the Dole Administration, and ascertained for himself what manner of men they are.

The Clamor for Wildcat Currency.

As time goes on the frenzy of the bank currency fanatics becomes more acute. They are preparing now to join with the free silverites in plunging the country into a repudiation of its contracts, with the hope that, out of the ruins, they may save something for the banks. The New York Times, for instance, says: "It is by no means impossible that a considerable number of those who stood by the Republicans in 1890, as the sole hope of sound finance, might reason that it would be better to let the country go the whole way to the silver basis, and thus start the fight for the gold standard."

What Mr. Redmond Might Tell Us.

We hope that, during Mr. JOHN E. REDMOND'S sojourn in this country, he may be prevailed upon to throw light in a public speech on several contemporary questions of vital moment to Ireland. He is recognized on both sides of the Atlantic as being, with the possible exception of Mr. SEXTON, the most effective orator in the Irish Nationalist party, and there is no man more thoroughly informed concerning the present and prospective condition of Irish politics. He can give us, for instance, some authentic data touching the outlook for home rule, a subject in which Americans will never cease to be interested, until Irishmen themselves shall come to regard it with indifference.

Knights of Labor and Postal Savings Banks.

According to the Congressional Record many petitions are reaching the Senate and House of Representatives from Knights of Labor organizations urging the national legislature to enact a law establishing postal savings banks. We suppose that the idea of the Knights is that in this way they are "striking a blow at the money power." But are they sure that at the same time they are not dealing a still more dangerous blow at their own interests?

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Foreign News of Real Interest.

Barcelona, Pollington, eldest son of the Earl of Merborough, has openly renounced his dukedom. Sumatra kerosene is competing with the Russian oil in the markets of the far East. The supply seems to be inexhaustible. Kaiser Wilhelm took a rest between the Christmas and New Year's festivities by having a Herbarist at the palace with his pen and ink. He has been ordered to return to his post. The young woman having determined to marry another, adopted this means to enter the Kaiser's family and so to be treated as a wife. The people of some town are talking of building a stone arch to commemorate the Kaiser's visit.

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