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Business Outlook.

Notwithstanding the midsummer season is always the dullest in the year for trade, the steady improvement in business kept up last week. Bradstreet's reports that the early fall demand for sta-ple merchandise which was announced the previous week increased. A special investigation shows that increased purchases by country merchants in the west, have increased business with western jobbers 10 to 15 per cent, compared with the fall trade at the same period last year. The improvement among the woolen manufacturers is also more noticeable, and a number of the large trunk line railroads report that they are carrying more merchandise than at this period for three years past.

Practically no gain was made in the coal strike last week and in consequence not so many factories and mills were obliged to close on account of a shortage of coal as were expected to close. The outlook for an early settlement of the strike holds out the cope that all the coal needed will shortly be available. The hope is based on the renewed activity promised this week by the strike leaders. and the indications that events are tend ing to a situation which promises a settlement of the wage differences in a number of the districts.

The financial situation is very little disturbed. The Financial Chronicle of New York says of it that, notwithstanding the coal strike looked more serious the early part of last week, notwithstanding the bears have been doing their very best to bring on a reaction which they claim was due, and notwithstanding gold shipments in considerable am it is have been made, the stock market now seems to lefy the efforts to check it

The Chronicle says: "Bear in mind that it was only Tuesday night that Secretary Gage made his address, and that only after that address had been made could the public understand how much the Provident's message meant as a feature of the coming reform movement. Now that it is seen clearly that there is to be a strong effort made at the coming ression of Congress to reorganize our paper money system, the markets develop new strength. Push on the good work, and the activity we have now will be as noth-ing in comparison with the buoyancy the future will have in reserve."

There is very little in the course of the stock and commercial markets of last week to justify the idea advanced by some that the currency discussion will discourage business enterprise, general faith among business men is that the administration's programme for reform will be upon safe lines that will cause no disturbance and will be in the direction of a sound financial system It is only when the soundness of the currency is threatened that discouragement comes. Happily, whatever reforms are to be proposed will not be on that line and a discussion and a settlement of the principles to enter into a sound money arrangement con only result in the adop tion of a satisfactory plan. These things being true, it may be said that, the tariff question having been settled, the future months will be comparatively free from agitations which might disturb business.

#### A Pertinent Point.

The son of an American citizen is in trouble in Genmany under peculiar cir-cumstances. Alfred Wessling, the young man in question, was drafted into the German army, notwithstanding he had a release from allegiance to the German emperor. One day last week a sergeant of his company struck him a blow for some petty offense, and, resenting the insult, the American knocked down the sergeant and fled, taking refuge in the American consulate. Acting upon the advice of the consul he returned to the regiment and is now under arrest and

awaiting trial. The offense of striking a superior officer is punished severely in the German army and young Wessling will probably by given the usual hard sentence. He is guilty of the charge, although the American consul at Hanover, where the incident occurred, has appealed to our ambassador at Berlin in his behalf. point which is most interesting, and is of more importance than the question the guilt of Weesling, is, what right had the German government to draft a son of an American citizen into the military service in spite of his protest. The father had been released from allegiance to the emperor, and the young son was under

tion of the case by the American ambas-ander should, and very likely will, take a wider range than inquiry into the mere flaticus incident. If there are more cases of the sons of American citizens being forced to serve in the German army this government should know about them

Astute Mr. Gorman.

The platform adopted by the Demo eratic convention of Maryland is a notable demonstration of the embarrassed position in which the Democrats find themselves at present. It is so absolutely meaningless that it is a confession, not a weakness alone, but of the fact that the Democracy is without any other is sue than the desire to gain the offices. In Maryland Senator Gorman, who was deposed from power as a boss by the up rising against him in 1894, and who straddled the silver issue last year, is a candidate for re-election, and is to make a supreme effort to recover his lost prestige and restore the supremacy of the corrupt Gorman ring of Maryland. The election of a legislature in his interests will be attempted and the platform of the convention was framed to catch all the voters. To do this it refrains from endorsing either the gold or silver side of the currency issue. The Philadelphia Inquirer says upon this point:

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The platform was his; if it was not drawn in his own handwriting the sentiments were at least his, and he it was who read the resolutions to the convention. One year ago Mr. Gorman presided over a similar gathering, and the gold standard was indorsed. This year Mr. Gorman is wisheywashey and uncertain. He needs every Democratic vote. He dare not advocate gold for fear of the few remaining silver shouters, yote. He are not avocate good for fear of the few remaining silver shouters, and he dare not indorse free silver for fear of the gold men; hence he hesitates, wobbles and loses himself in the maxes of one of those magnificent straddles which all uncertain Democrats must clutch upon in the delusive hope of saving something from the waves which are pouring over the battered and wrecked Democratic craft. Hence the platform refrains from indorsing either gold or silver, but declares for "honest money," the gold and silver money of the constitution, and the coinage of both metals without discrimination against, either." There is nothing about free silver or a ratio of 16 to 1 or any other ratio. There is simply a glittering generality, a fear to be strictly honest or dishonest, a striking indecision—that is all.

Thus Maryland sets an example for the fear of the few remaining silver shouters

Thus Maryland sets an example for the Democracy of other states who are afraid to tackle the money issue. They can steer entirely clear of it, and by so cowardly a course confess defeat in advance. The Ohlo Democrats, or rather free silverites, were bolder than this, but in view of the present situation in that state it is not improbable that even they are wishing they had had the astuteness of the Maryland boss. If we are not mistaken, however, the many thousands of Democrats in Maryland who last year had the courage to cast their votes for honest money will force Mr. Gorman to show his hand, and announce his exact position on the currency question. Platform evasions will not satisfy them.

Courageous Hastings.

It is fortunate, not only for the Republican party of Pennsylvania, but for the state itself, that so courageous a mar as Governor Hastings occupies the chief executive's office. He has been swinging his veto axe with splendid effect, and has not only saved to the state treasury many thousands of dollars which were appropriated by a recklessly extravagant and profligate legislature, but has killed a number of very unjust bills. The most important piece of legislation of the latter class was the mercantile tax bill which would have proved so great a hardship to the mercantile interests of the state, and the passage of which raised a storm of indignation among the business men.

In applying his veto power, in all cases the governor has shown a fearless inde-pendence of the political schemers and bosses that has been positively refreshing. He is being commended on al sides, outside of a certain circle of politicians, and is popularizing himself daily among the people. The mercantile tax bill, the only excuse for which was a need of revenue, was a proposition to place a tax on commerce and industrya tribute levied to meet the extravagance of the legislatures, and in standing between these great interests and the effort to raid the treasury Governor Hastings has attracted the attention of the whole country. The record he is making for himself may lead to great honors from the hands of an appreciative people

Keep your eye on Hastings. Comptroller Bowler, who is not unknown to fame, has over-ruled the court holds that United States deputy marshals are personal appointees of the marshal and can be removed by him Now, the question arises, can Mr Bowler's ruling set aside an injunction issued by a federal court? Republicans genrally will be glad to learn that, ac cording to Mr. Bowler, who is the same gentleman who tried to set aside an ac of Congress once, the Democratic office deputies can be removed, but what they want to know is, which is the authority whose mandate must be obeyed-Mr Bowler or the United States court?

I. C. Ralphsnyder, who was a candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in this state last year, and who claimed the place on the ground that he was the only true blue 16 to 1 silver man asking the empty honor, is organizing a company to go to the Alas ka gold fields, If Mr. Ralphanydes doesn't "watch out" his loyalty to the Popocratic cause will be doubted.

The attention of our free trade friends who, a few days ago, were indulging in certain prophecies, is called to the fact that Germany has decided not to retall ate upon the United States for the new

It seems that Allen O. Meyers is to manage John R. McLean's senatorial campaign, which adds another dead weight to the Popocratic situation in the Buckeye state.

The Louisville Courier Journal thus calle attention to the illogical position of our free sliver friends: "They insist that an increase of the supply of 'primary money always puts up prices of comdities, and yet they explain that the increase of gold from the discoveries in Alaska only tends to put down the price of silver, which, according to them, is only a commodity.

The Right Stuff in Him.

In order to save 800 lives Captain Sigsby, of the United States warship Maine, ran his big vessel into a pier in East river, and besides sinking the plet sank a number of freight cars. had a minute and a half in which to act, and had he not taken in the whole situa tion at once and given an order which he knew would result in the huge ram of the battle ship smashing into the pier, there would have been a disaster in which hundreds of lives on board of an

excursion steamer might have been lost. The pier and the freight cars were of small account, compared with the human freight on the steamer, and the fact that they suffered loss instead is not the point. It was the presence of mind and the firm action, regardless of what the consequences would be to the warship, in order to save the excursionists, which marked Captain Sigsby as just the sort of a cool-headed navigator to make a good naval officer.

The statement in Saturday evening's News that the injunction issued by Judge Mason at Fairmont, which has caused so much comment, was made permanent was not true. The injunction was only temporary, and conse quently the rather unjust comments made by the evening paper were uncalled

While wheat closed at 80% cents Saturday, the value of the silver in a silver dollar remained at about 45 cents, and Mr. Bryan and "Coin" and all the other gentlemen who based a campaign on the theory that the prices of silver and wheat were twins are not saying a word

a golf game, played by young ladies, Sat-urday, and, strange to eay, notwithstanding he didn't know a thing about the sport, he gave satisfaction, That was a genuine case of McKinley luck. The Ohio Gold Demorats will meet at

Columbus Thursday and the organiza-

President McKinley acted as umpire in

tion seems to be very much alive. CURRENT COMMENT.

Thirty years ago the name of Senator Doollitle was on everybody's lips. Today two silcks of an obituary notice in the great journals is all that is accorded him. Paraphrasing Rip Van Winkle, "When we are out of politics how soon are we forgotten!"—Philadelphia Press (Rep). Small Hole to Crawl Out Of.

If prosperity comes it will be contem-poraneous with the new tariff, but not attributable to it.—Rochester Herald

This is not the first time in the na-tion's history that protection and pros-perity have set out hand in hand.—Inperity have set out hand dianapolis Journal (Rep). Evidences of Insanity

Topeka, Kas., has elected Mrs. Lease queen of the harvest festival and given other evidences of insanity.—Chicago News (Ind.) Or Take a Walk.

Japan should try the effect of sitting down, keeping quiet and applying bags of ice to the head for awhile.—Chicago

One of the noticeable things about Mr. Gorman's platform is that everybody grins when it is mentioned. There seems to be something humorous about it.—Baltimore News (Ind. Dem).

Balley's Unadorned Pulchritude.

Congressman Balley, of Texas, is quite fair to look upon, even if he does not possess a swallow-tailed coat. A man 6 feet 2, who weighe two hundred pounds, always looks about as well as any kind of a coat.—Pittsburgh Times (Rep).

So We Do.

Japan's minister bases his objection to Hawaiian annexation upon Mr. Bay-ard. The United States bases a number of objections upon Mr. Bayard also,—N. Y. Times (Rep).

In Unexpected Places.

Cleveland has recently written a letter declaring he does not intend to deliver lectures in any part of the country, and thus we see the evidences of better times are manifesting themselves in the most unexpected places.—San Francisco Call

No Time for 11. Jerry Simpson thinks that "the people will rise in revolt." Fudge, Jerry! The people are too busy.—Cincinnati Times, people are Star (Rep).

A Safe Het.

It is made to bet 15 to 1 that by 1900 there will not be enough wind left in the sails of the Hon, William Jennings Bryan to silr the ruffles on his silk night shirt.—Trenton Gazette (Rep).

August North American Review

The North American Review for August contains a most carefully prepared paper by the Hon. Henry E. Ide, on "Our Interest in Samoa." As chief justice of the supreme court under the governmental treaty, and a resident of the islands for some years, Mr. Ide possesses unequalled qualifications for the luminous exposition of this important topic. "Shall the Civil Service Orders be Amended?" is the title of an exceedingly trenchant article from the pen of Gen. Green II, Itaum. General Raum insists with much force that the civil service system is inconsistent with the genius of our government, and centrary to public sentiment, and regards its present rules as encroachments upon the rights and privileges of the people of the country, ust contains a most carefully prepared

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The disastrous free trade experiment is over. The principles of protection to American industry is more firmly im-bedded than ever, not only in the public mind but in the Federal statutes.—Chi-cago Times Herald.

The American market is to be for the American people so far as they can sup-ply its needs, and foreigners who wish to enter the American market must pay for the privilege of bringing their wares here.—Rochester Chronicle.

The people of the United States, as The people of the United States, as a whole, are justly to be congratulated on having, thus early in the administration of President McKinley, escaped from the paralysis of industry and commerce inflicted by that menstrosity of "perifdy and dishonor" for which the Fifty-third congress was chiefly responsible.—Boston Advertiser. ton Advertiser.

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