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GERMANY now is in favor of the white metal, and favors an international monetary conference.

NO MATTER how high a political goose may hang now-a-days, it will in all probabilities get roasted and that to a delicious brown.

THERE is no doubt that the only motion made in the present congress that will cause a sigh of general satisfaction the United States over, will be the motion to adjourn.

If the United States would pass a law favoring the free coinage of silver, all other nations that have used the white metal, for a medium of exchange would follow the example.

THE president and his cabinet as individuals can not be expected to be especially friendly to congressmen and senators even of their own party, who have publicly opposed and criticised them.

If there has ever been a congress where many members should be expelled for wantonly outraging the deencies of debate by gross personal abuse, the present congress has plenty. Sharp personal passages between congressmen and senators are an almost daily occurrence.

THERE is a certain portion of the American people who are very anxious the government should control the railroads. Why bless your hearts dear people nearly half the railroads in the land are already in the control of the government being in the hands of receivers appointed by the United States Court.

THE threats made by Germany in regard to the discriminating duty on sugar, is considered not idle by those who are thoroughly acquainted with the situation of that country. And there is not the slightest doubt an effort put forth by them in retaliating measures would work a great deal of harm to this country.

WHILE sensational reports are liable to be circulated for political effect, sometimes the truth is brought out forcibly. The report in Sunday's Herald regarding the torture of Capt. Wm. Davis, in Hawaii, if true should cause our government to bring the instigators up with a sudden jerk. While the actual truth of the affair may be as depicted, our nation should investigate thoroughly before action.

THE crisis will surely arrive soon if matters continue along the line opened by Senator A. B. Turney, of Tenn. Owing, he says to the extravagance of the legislature, he has resigned his seat in that body. He informs the governor that the forcing upon committees appointed to visit state institutions, a sergeant-at-arms who will draw \$4 a day and expenses, who will do nothing but draw their pay. Thus his resignation.

THE meeting of the national reform association which meets in Kansas City to-day are expected to have a lively time. This meeting represents two factions of the people's party, and no doubt will clash in their different views on the policy to adopt for the next campaign. One faction proposes to adhere to the principles laid down in the Omaha platform, while the other, though believing in the free coinage of silver, desire to make a new departure. There will also be a lively discussion in regard to forming a reform press bureau at Washington. Gen. Weaver will be present and talk upon the subject of united action by all populist papers.

THAT party organization is necessary and valuable is undeniable. Without complete organization party work is ineffectual. That in every such organization the majority of it should rule, is also an undeniable proposition. That every man who is loyal to his party will yield his own personal preferences as to the candidates to be supported is furthermore true. But this latter rule only pertains when such giving away of preferences does not involve the sacrifice of principle, or any injury to the object to be attained by the party organization. No honest man, be he a strong partisan or not, will hold to the idea that he is obliged to submit to the will of others, when he is satisfied, both as a matter of judgement and conscience, that such will is injurious to the good of his party, or is contrary to what he believes the party ought to do. Party majorities in caucusses and conventions are some-

times packed. It ought not be sufficient then for a man to leave his political duties and rights to the dictation of any caucus majority. He ought to be satisfied that it is an honest majority, honestly obtained. The fitness of a candidate is not always rightly established just because he got his nomination by a party caucus.

REFORM of any kind is the work of patriotism, not of party. All experience shows the worthlessness of mere party action to bring about any reform. The truth is, reform of any kind is never a party issue. Of course ante-election promises of parties are always profuse. But the object of party work is place, and the inspiring motive of party effort is the spoils. The average party candidate cares nothing for the country; it is only an office for himself that interests him.

THE great objects to be brought about in order to revive confidence and restore prosperity to the business interests of the country are first a return to the principle and legal enforcement of protection for American labor against foreign pauper labor. Right here we may also add protection against convict and contract labor at home. Second, the establishment of an equal currency of gold and silver, and, third, just arbitration laws to settle labor difficulties. That these desirable objects can ever be brought about by the present congress and administration is now beyond all hope or expectation.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND when he was first elected, said "I intend to surround myself with the best and broadest minds in the party, and then bend all my energies toward making an administration that shall at least assure every element that a transfer of executive control from one party to another does not mean any serious disturbance of existing conditions." That Mr. Cleveland was honest in his intentions when he made the above declaration, may be possible, but the results of his administration prove that if he was honest he has shown a most woeful lack of judgment in surrounding himself with the best and broadest minds in the party, or else there is a terribly lamentable lack of wise and broad minds or capable men in his party.

SOME of our exchanges ask the question "how much President Cleveland made out of his \$62,000,000 bond issue." We think these slurs against the president are entirely uncalled for. While we do not believe in the policy advocated by President Cleveland, and while we are under the impression that he has received advice from the gold bugs of the east, and his gold bond issue proves it in more than one way, yet we believe Cleveland acted honestly in taking the position he has. President Cleveland, followed by a large number of democrats as well as republicans are submitting their actions to the men that control the gold of this country. The people are not "in it." But when it comes to accusing the president of these United States of accepting a bribe, because his actions are against the masses, in our estimation it is putting it too strong, and not right.

THERE seems to be a general disposition in most of the state legislatures now in session to make fight against oleomargarine. This is the height of folly. Nine-tenths of the oleomargarine which has been put on the market for a few years past is better, cleaner and purer than the average country or creamery butter palmed off on a suffering public. The objection urged against oleomargarine is the lack of guarantee as to its purity. But the same objection is valid against creamery butter, and it certainly is a strong objection to the average country butter. Certainly the large manufacturers of oleomargarine like Armour and Swift and others with the reputation they have for pure articles of food prepared for the public in large quantities, are more reliable and trustworthy for purity and quality than very many of the so-called butter makers all over the country who try to keep the people supplied, but much of whose product is most impure and offensive.

If there is any one thing more than another which keeps up the hard times, it is the lack of confidence and the uncertainty in the minds of the people over the condition of the treasury. Congress demands of the secretary of the treasury a definite statement, and wants to know, you know, how much money is needed, and what it is needed for. Mr. Carlisle immediately responds that the revenues of the government are coming in so profusely that there will soon be a surplus in the treasury. Almost the next day the president issues a message to congress demanding the authorization to borrow money, and as congress takes the word of the secretary of the treasury that there is now or soon will

be a surplus of revenue, and refuses to authorize the issue of bonds or to pass any financial bill the president takes the bits in his own teeth and notifies the nation that he has already borrowed over sixty-two millions of dollars, and has ordered the bonds to be issued. What the people of this great country want to know is, what is the true condition of the government's finances.

ACCORDING to a Washington correspondent Mr. Cleveland never reads a line of criticism of the administration or of his own personal conduct. He gave up newspapers during his first administration, with the exception of two personal organs which always indorse his policy. Secretary Thurber makes it a point to keep newspapers out of the White House, and the president is said to know nothing of public opinion, except as it is reflected in the utterances of his friends and of his two favorite newspapers. Thomas Jefferson had a different idea. He once said that he would rather live in a country with newspapers and without a government than live in a country with a government and without newspapers. Jefferson frequently resented the criticism of newspapers, but he read them all the same. He studied public opinion, and he knew that it was mirrored in the press. If the correspondent tells the truth about Mr. Cleveland it explains much that has heretofore been mysterious. It has struck many people that the president has utterly ignored or run counter to public opinion,

but the fact that he is not aware of the existence of such a thing is a sufficient explanation. But how is it that the discreet Thurber manages to handle and dispose of the White House newspaper mail without occasionally seeing something which he must feel that it is impossible to keep from the president? Is Thurber a hermetically sealed individual? Does he never leak? One would think that under his limitations he would either boil over or "bust."

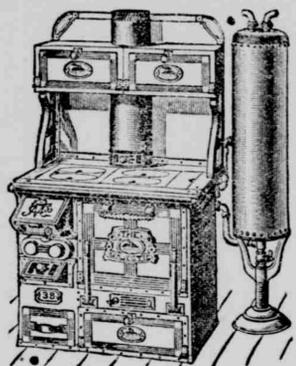
THE following is the text of the Nicolson bill, which is before the Indiana legislature. Mass meetings are being held throughout the state and petitions sent to Indianapolis imploring its passage:

"That the room used for the sale of liquor shall be used for no other business, and that no music or device for amusement, chairs or furniture other than the bar shall be kept therein; that during the days and hours when it is unlawful to sell liquors, the saloon shall be securely locked, and all persons excluded therefrom except the proprietor; that the room in which sales are made must be so situated as to front on a public highway, with a window or glass door in front, which shall not be blinded during the day and hours when it is unlawful to sell; that for a second violation of the provisions of this act the liquor dealer shall not only be fined, but his license shall be revoked; and that if during any regular term of the board of commissioners a remonstrance signed by a majority of the legal voters of the township shall be filed against the granting of a license to any person, it shall be unlawful thereafter for the board to grant a license during the period of two years from the filing of such remonstrance."

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