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THREE CENTS.

NATION'S CREDIT IN PERIL

Charge Hurlled Against President Cleveland in the Senate.

MR. WOLCOTT'S BITTER WORDS

Changes Brought Upon It by Lodge and Teller—They Denounce the Recent Contract for the Purchase of Gold—Hill Takes Up the Culpable in Defense of the Administration—Senate Financial Debate at Red Heat.

A storm of financial debate swept over the Senate yesterday, according to interest any discussion of the upper branch of Congress had in many days. It was brought on by Mr. Hill's advocacy of his resolution defining the policy of the government for bimetalism and for paying its obligations in the best money in use.

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BEAM'S WIFE IS FAITHFUL.

She Clings to the Murderer—He and Traverses are Pleaded Not Guilty. James I. Travers and Joseph Beam were arraigned yesterday for murder and both pleaded not guilty. The trial of Travers was set for March 11. He out the throat of Lena Gross, a young colored woman with whom he lived near Brightwood.

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Washington Alumni Association Enjoys a Reception and Banquet. The members of the Washington Alumni Association of Cornell University gave their twelfth annual reception and banquet last evening in the rooms of the Down Town Club at the Washington Loan and Trust Building, at the corner of Ninth and Patents northwest.

President Hill is one of the city and the address was presided over by the President Percy S. Clarke in his stead, who was ably assisted by his official colleagues. The programme was in large part informal, there being no set but impromptu address and no set toasts.

Cornell colleges, the red and white, graced the banquet tables, and were displayed here and there about the rooms, contrasting, in pleasing effects, with the other decorations, while the proceedings were frequently punctuated with the resounding college cry of "Cornell! I yell, yell, yell, Cornell!"

A letter of regret was read from President J. G. Schurman, of the university, who was unable to attend, and a note, from Prof. Burt G. Wilder, of the faculty, the president noted in his letter the many improvements and changes that have occurred in the past year.

The address were, as may naturally be inferred, made up in most part of Cornell alumni. Hon. J. De Witt Warner, an alumni trustee, gave an interesting talk of the progress of the institution, the university, speaking particularly of what the faculty hope to make of it. He touched upon athletics, and their influence upon the progress of the institution. He thought there was no doubt that athletics do harm, but suggested that under a change of rules they might be rendered much less objectionable.

He said that the institution, collectively and individually, could do of great service to the beloved alma mater, a sentiment heartily applauded.

Dr. Schurman, an alumni trustee, spoke next, recounting the progress the university had made since he entered as a freshman, and echoed the hopes of every graduate who has ever mastered the curriculum for its future greatness and power.

A brief address each was made by Lieut. F. A. Barton, who responded to "Cornell in the Army"; Dr. Salmson, who responded to "Cornell Athletics"; by William Stranahan, who lauded "Cornell crews"; and by Miss E. M. Pitts, who discussed "Co-education."

The association has for its officers: Robert T. Hill, of the Geological Survey, as president; Percy E. Clark, Miss Eva M. Pitts, and David White, vice-presidents; and Dr. J. H. Drowne, secretary and treasurer.

The committee of arrangements, to whose good offices the success of the affair is accredited, consisted of George W. Curtis, Dr. O. Howard, and Dr. J. H. Drowne, who were most ably seconded by the accomplished manager of the Down Town Club, Mr. F. A. Barton, who presided at the preliminaries of the collation feature.

Among those noted as present, in addition to those above enumerated, were: Dr. Theodore H. Salmson, of the University of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. C. D. White, Mr. and Mrs. Stranahan, W. P. Cutler, Mrs. R. T. Hill, Prof. E. M. Wilson, C. A. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Coville, V. P. Chisholm, and H. H. Burroughs.

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PITCHER PFEFFER TO BE TRADED.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 16.—Manager McClosky to-night completed a deal with Manager Combs, of the St. Paul club, whereby Pitcher Pfeffer will be traded for Cunningham, who was Sioux City's winning pitcher last year. Cunningham refused to accept Combs's terms for the coming season.

ASSEMBLY NO. 75 STILL HOLDS OUT.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Feb. 16.—Up to 11 o'clock to-night there was no formal declaration by District Assembly, No. 75, K. of L., that the strike had been called off, notwithstanding the general announcement made earlier that all looting had decided upon this action by their voices.

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The Civil Service Commission has just made public correspondence with the Secretary of the Treasury respecting alleged discrimination on the ground of color in the removal of women as plate printers' assistants in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The following is the statement concerning the matter made by the commission:

"These women were appointed through competitive examination under the civil service rules. Since Mr. Johnson became chief of the bureau on July 1, 1893, there have been eighty-eight women removed who were appointed through examination, and of these eighty were white and seventy colored, leaving only ten colored women remaining in the service. This was out of a total force of 367 printers' assistants."

This newly called sweep of colored women extended also to appointments from the certifications of the Civil Service Commission from the register of eligibles. In the year ended June 30, 1894, forty-five women were passed over certification without selection, of whom at least ten were colored.

Under Mr. Johnson's predecessor, Mr. Meredith, appointments were made in the order of grade, practically none being passed over. Under Mr. Meredith there were only twenty-one colored women out of 328 women employed between 1889 and 1893, as compared with eighty-eight dismissals to 384 employed in a year and a half under Mr. Johnson.

At present there are only eight colored women remaining. Of the women dismissed by Mr. Johnson twelve white were reinstated and one colored.

The fact of this large number of discharges of colored women and of passing them over on certification, has greatly reduced the number of colored women applying for examination. During Mr. Meredith's term, under President Harrison's administration, there was only one colored woman removed. No allegations have been made to the commission that the colored women were removed for any misconduct.

In stating these facts to the Secretary of the Treasury the commission said: "From these facts it would appear that under the administration of the present chief of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing there has been very marked discrimination on grounds of color merely, not only in the making of appointments from the eligible register, but in the dismissal of persons already in the service. If the facts as recited are accurate, the commission would be pleased to have the real facts given if they are correct (and it is believed that the actual number of colored women removed is greater than the number here stated) then the commission would be pleased to receive from the Secretary of the Treasury