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## The New Administration.

As our readers know, the new state administration is now installed in office. Gov. Heard and Lieut. Gov. Estopinal were sworn in last Monday week, and the other state officials have qualified; so that the administration has begun its official life. It has come into power under extraordinary conditions; it has an united party at its back, a general assembly entirely Democratic, and Democratic local administrations throughout the state. Under such favorable conditions much will be expected of it; will it respond to the general expectation?

The SENTINEL believes it will. Gov. Heard is a man of much executive ability and firmness of character, patriotic and devoted to duty, qualities which go far towards making a good and successful executive. He is thoroughly familiar with the finances of the State, and his experience of public affairs, gained in his service as auditor during eight years, will prove invaluable to him in the administration of the affairs of State in the wider field of operation to which he has been promoted. Already Gov. Heard has given in his message the key note of his administration:—the faithful and impartial execution of the law. Those who know the sincerity of the man have an abiding faith in his public declarations, and know that this promise is not an idle one.

The Governor will have able assistants in his corps of State officials, all of whom have been tried and found not wanting. In Judge Guion, the Attorney General, he has a discreet friend, a wise and conservative legal adviser, and an indefatigable worker.

All things considered there is every reason for predicting that the administration just started will be wise, conservative, progressive, and result in much good to the State and to the inhabitants thereof.

## "Positive Principles."

Mr. Bryan was asked the other day why he declared: "The people are with us this year, and they are in sympathy with the principles which shall be embodied in the Kansas City platform, and which represent the feelings of the great mass of the American people."

And his answer, which appeals to every American citizen who has the welfare of his country at heart, was: "Because every principle of the Democratic party is a positive principle, more positive than was the declaration of the Republican party in 1896, and while in its firmer adherence to principle and positive declaration, the Republican party is 'trekking' in just the opposite direction. It is less positive and its adherence to its own heretofore fixed declaration of faith is now quite disregarded."

## A Trust's Cold Bluff.

The San Francisco Call explains how the Tobacco trust successfully worked a cold bluff on the dealers of Los Angeles not long ago. The method of dictation is not limited to the Tobacco trust, but is a weakness afflicting all the other trust monopolies. It is nothing but a legalized "Stand and deliver" command of the old fashioned highwaymen. This is the Call's story:

"I'll give you just 15 minutes to stop the sale of all outside tobacco, and handle only the goods of the American tobacco company," said Herman Heyneman of this city, as he faced the tobacco dealers of Los Angeles at a meeting in that city a few days ago.

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And the bluff worked, according to the story going the rounds, and generally believed in business circles. The dealers came to time before the 15 minutes had expired, and entered into an agreement to handle exclusively the goods of the American tobacco company, which Heyneman represents.

## Two "Missing Word" Platform.

Political platforms, in order to be of value should say what they mean, and mean what they say. Our Republican friends are prone to take things for granted. Thus the Philadelphia Press summarizes the Republican and Democratic platforms, up to date as follows, without due regard to the consequences:

- We endorse—
- We rejoice—
- We glory—
- We are proud—
- We heartily support—
- We entrust—
- We commend—
- We repudiate—
- We mourn—
- We decry—
- We are ashamed—
- We condemn—
- We denounce—
- We disavow—
- Whereupon the Boston Herald remarks: "It is scarcely necessary to say which is which."

Let's, however, there might be a citizen whose arduous occupation in keeping himself and family above the average level, should not have had time to solve the "missing word" puzzle, the Los Angeles Herald comes to the rescue with the following solution:

- We endorse—imperialism.
- We rejoice—in the trusts.
- We glory—in Hannanism.
- We are proud—of McKinley's record as a flopper.
- We heartily support—a banking currency.
- We entrust—the country to boss rule.
- We commend—militarism.
- We repudiate—the Republican platform.
- We mourn—imperialism.
- We decry—the substitution of boss rule for popular government.
- We are ashamed—of the war in the Philippines.
- We condemn—imperialism.
- We denounce—Hannanism.
- We disavow—militarism.
- That is the Democratic platform. On which do you prefer to stand?"

Speaking of the elevation of Governor Heard to the high position of chief executive of the State, the Baton Rouge Truth wisely remarks: "What an object lesson to the youth of Louisiana is presented by the honorable career and the elevation of Governor Heard to the high position in the State. Country reared, with few advantages in boyhood, we find this son of Louisiana advancing step by step, relying solely upon his own efforts and steadily winning the regard and esteem of his fellow-citizens, as few men have done. Honorable ambition, personal integrity and fidelity to every trust has found its reward in the selection of Mr. Heard to be Governor of his native State, and the hearts of thousands of plain people, as well as those of high estate, are gladdened that it is so."

The Daily States in an editorial on the race question, says:

"We have always regarded these theoretical discussions of the negro as utterly useless, holding that the destiny of the negroes should be left to be worked out under the dynamic, static and retroactive laws of the human race among the people who know and understand the negro best, and that under these laws the negro's destiny will be worked out either to a higher life or to final extinction. For more than a quarter of a century past, first in one newspaper and then in another, we have held that the natural condition of the negro is one of servitude; that under servitude he is happy and contented and acquires a measurable degree of civilization and Christianity; while in a state of freedom he degenerates; tends rapidly to return to barbarism; is unhappy and discontented; and that hence emancipation was a gigantic crime against the unfortunate negro and

that the negro's enfranchisement was a great crime against the white race of the United States. This is the natural result of the inexorable law of evolution, which has determined the final extinction of the negro or his return to barbarism. The progress of this law may be more or less retarded by circumstances, among them contact with the higher white race. But the condition of freedom on the other hand accelerates the decay and progress of extinction. The point is that the negro is a doomed race. In six thousand years he has not written a book or reared a monument or moved out of the jungles in which his primitive ancestors dwelt. Will he do so in the next six thousand years? He is but the shed skin of the white race. In some remote or unknown era of the world the negro may have been the highest because the only type of man above the simian; but that in known or even fathomable history he made absolutely no progress except under the lash of the master indicates that he is doomed in the end to extinction."

Commissioner of Agriculture and Immigration Leon Jastrenski, in his report, recently issued, has the following to say of the importance of cotton factories in the South:

"The importance of cotton factories as an aid or adjunct to cotton-growing is generally recognized. These factories would create a competitive home demand for the raw cotton against the markets of the eastern States and Europe, and this competition would naturally tend to raise the price of cotton. I believe that the recent improvement in cotton quotations is in a great measure attributable to the factories which have sprung up in the South and to the movement for their increase, which ought to be maintained until cotton growing and cotton-manufacturing becomes synonymous in the South. I have endeavored in every way to co-operate with this movement and to encourage its extension to manufacturers of all other raw materials produced or possessed by our State."

Educate and inform the whole mass of the people. Enable them to see that it is in their interest to preserve peace and order, and they will preserve them. The press is the best instrument for enlightening the mind of man and improving him as a rational, moral and social being.—Thomas Jefferson.

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, MAY 25, 1900.

There has been lying as well as stealing in connection with Cuban affairs. First Assistant Postmaster General Perry Heath has repeatedly and publicly declared that he had nothing whatever to do with the appointment of Neely, the head of the looting conspiracy, and now Mr. Rathbone, the suspended Director of Posts in Cuba, asserts that he appointed Neely on Perry Heath's recommendation. There must be documentary evidence that will show which of these men have lied, and it ought to be produced, and doubtless will be if Senator Bacon's resolution for a Congressional investigation goes through.

The Boer peace envoys, who have been snubbed officially and jolied personally by the administration, are preparing to visit a number of large western cities for the purpose of trying to arouse a public sentiment that will compel the administration to do something to bring the war in South Africa to a close before England succeeds in wiping the two little republics off the map. Republicans defend Mr. McKinley's treatment of the envoys, when they have to, but mightily few of them commend it.

The big payers of war taxes are to be bled by Boss Hanna. That was made certain when the republican managers of the House decided that the Ways and Means committee should be given authority to sit during the recess for the purpose of fixing up a bill for the reduction of war taxes. In order to catch as many of the tax-payers as possible, the committee will not begin its sittings until a few weeks before election. Boss Hanna's programme is to allow all of the heavy war tax payers to believe that if they contributed liberally enough to the republican campaign fund their interests will be favored in the bill, but he will take good care that not a single item in the bill shall be decided upon until after the election. It is a good scheme of its kind, but it is a very bad and disgusting kind, but no worse than others manipulated by the same man in 1896.

It being apparent that the Senate committee on Privileges and Elections had no idea of reporting the resolution for a Constitutional amendment, providing for direct election of U. S. Senators, Senator Pettigrew has offered a resolution to discharge the committee from further consideration of the resolution and have it reported and placed on the Calendar. The Senate will not pass this resolution until compelled by public sentiment to do so, although the large majority for it in the House should have convinced Senators of the State of public sentiment on the question.

The Senate has adopted a resolution calling upon the Secretary of War for information as to the condition in the Philippines—press news of the week showed that there was neither peace nor American control outside the places garrisoned—offered

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by Senator Allen: but if the information is not more definite than that furnished by the same department about Cuba, in response to Senate resolutions, it will not carry much enlightenment for anybody. Senator Bacon has offered an amendment to his resolution for a Congressional investigation of the Cuban stealing by republican officials, which promises to reach enormous proportions, authorizing the committee to sit during the recess at such places, either in this country or in Cuba, as the committee may deem necessary or important and to send for persons and papers. The republicans are "between the devil and the deep sea" on this investigation. They are afraid to vote for it and afraid to defy public sentiment by refusing to do so.

Senator Spooner who is one of the Senators who started out by vigorously opposing permanent retention of the Philippines, even going so far as to say that he would not have voted for the ratification of the Paris treaty of peace had he supposed that it would lead to permanent ownership of the Philippines by the U. S., and afterwards had his mind changed for him by the administration, made a set speech, occupying a portion of two days this week, in favor of his bill giving Mr. McKinley autocratic power in the Philippines, which is now before the Senate, and which was used as a club to defeat Senator Morgan's resolution to take up the Nicaragua Canal bill. The solid republican vote against taking up the latter bill will not be allowed to be forgotten during the campaign. It showed up hypocrisy of the republicans who pretend to favor that bill. It could have been passed in an hour had the republican Senators supported Senator Morgan's motion, but Hanna ordered them to vote down the motion and they obeyed orders. The people's orders will be issued next November.

And now a newspaper man—Mr. W. R. Hearst, proprietor of the New York Journal and the San Francisco Examiner, and the newly chosen president of the National Association of democratic clubs—is enjoying a boom for the democratic Vice Presidential nomination. Bryan and Hearst wouldn't sound bad. Mr. P. J. Daly, of N. Y., an official of the Knights of Labor, who is now in Washington, said: "I have always voted the republican ticket, but I think the democrats will win this year." That sort of talk is getting quite common.

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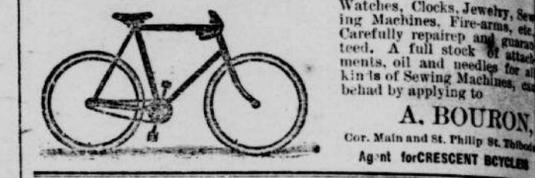
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