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Remus, who went fishing and fell asleep with his line floating in the river. A monster catfish grabbed the hook and pulled Remus into the river. Awakened and puzzled by the sudden immersion, Remus exclaimed: "What I want to know is if it's bigger than a fishing or an dat fish-a-niggerin'!"

REPEREUNDUM IN PRACTICE. Those unweary folk who think that the government does not do enough for its people, and are besieging legislators and councils, generally in vain, for further intervention of the state, are quite sure to get what they want if they had the Swiss law of initiative and referendum. Should a legislature or council then be indifferent to their demands, they could proceed by initiative and compel the submission of their scheme to the suffrages of the voters.

We approach the proposition for these methods of ascertaining the popular will from quite another direction, and believe that they would operate to save cities and states from much of the laxness and other legislation which the cowardice or timidity of the legislators permits lest the vote of some class or other be offended. It is a weakness of our federal congress that no voice of a want of confidence in any national measure proposed by the majority party works a dissolution of congress and an appeal to the country on the special issue thus raised. The Fifty-fourth congress will meet with no clear direction from the voters who elect it, and who they wished to have done. The successful party offers no positive policy, and the unsuccessful one could not defend the breach of faith embodied in the principal act of the session.

As a blind, vague, indeterminate sort of a way the congressional elections are a referendum; but the efficacy of it, impaired by the want of a single clear issue, is entirely dissipated in the provision which requires congress to assemble thirteen months after the members were elected, and to what they wished to have done. The successful party offers no positive policy, and the unsuccessful one could not defend the breach of faith embodied in the principal act of the session.

But what we started to show was that the referendum in Switzerland does not support the expectations of its working by the class in this country who are most anxious to have it adopted here. These are for the greater part the quasi-socialists, not prepared to go the full length of state socialism, but wishing to have the state make little ventures in it to meet the emergencies of some case that attracts the attention. A recent experiment in that country confirms this.

There too, as well as here, are people who believe, with ex-President Harrison and others of his school, that it is the duty of the government to provide remunerative occupation for its people who may need it. A petition to the federal government was circulated, and received over 52,000 signatures, asking it to initiate a law for that purpose. The federal council in its reply to the law, submitted the proposition to a general election, and it was defeated by over 300,000 majority, only some 72,000 voting for it. Counsel German in his report notes that the expense of the election was \$15,000,000, a very cheap price, we should say, to pay for so emphatic a rejection of so vicious a principle of government. We believe that if all our paternal and semi-socialistic legislation, dragged through councils and legislatures by fear of offending some one class or other of voters, could be thus submitted to the people, there would be a healthy slaughtering of the schemes. We favor the referendum.

MR. BISSELL'S REPORT. Mr. Bissell relieves the customary dryness of departmental reports with practical suggestions of reforms needed in that part of the public service which falls under his charge. We alluded to the progress he has made in the department of the civil service, and we find in his report other evidence of his efforts in the direction of improvement.

We do not think that the future historian of our country will make the Fifty-first congress a landmark, as certain technicists indicated. Should the republic be afflicted with a complete restoration of Republicanism to power, there is no question that the lessons of '32 and '34 will prevent them from inaugurating that universal rush to the hog trough that characterized every department of government after 1880. Among the schemes for ridding the treasury of its surplus and of preventing any such accumulation again was the mail subsidy scheme to which congress committed the postal department.

Reading that portion of Mr. Bissell's report recalls to memory the fervid declamations in congress and the enthusiastic editorials of the press of the dominant party, in those halcyon days of the late war, when the relations of its flag and commerce, and how plainly it was shown that all that was needed to restore to us the commerce with other nations which navigation and protective laws had very nearly strangled was to make an appropriation of a few millions which the flag could be floated on ships into foreign ports. "Commerce follows the flag," was the cry.

Speeches were made and editorials written, earnestly discussing the amount of money that must be paid these ships for each mile they sailed in order to induce them to fly the flag, and glowing were the anticipations of the enlargement of our foreign trade to unparagonably follow. It was not that these speeches or editorials were really needed to induce congress to engage in the work; they were only intended to sugar-coat the extravagant appropriations, an excuse for which congress was seeking.

The scheme carried, of course, for it carried an appropriation, and making appropriations was the mission of the restored party. Contracts were made by the postmaster general with lines to sundry ports, at prices per mile sailed ranging from only 60 cents to the Galveston and Houston line, up to \$4 a mile with the more fortunate International Navigation company for lines from New York to Southampton and Antwerp. These contracts were to run from five to ten years, and called for the mere barattelle of \$3,752,240 to pay for the flag service. Eleven such contracts in all were made by Mr. Wanamaker.

Mr. Bissell brought into office with him the old-fashioned Democratic idea of a gold standard, and in business at any time, but there is more of the eternal fitness of things in borrowing money in Washington with Minnesota wheat at 40 cents than there was in paying 20 per cent premiums to take up bonds at the Washington market and with wheat at 50 cents at the other end.

DEMOCRATS got it rubbed in in these days of burndown without mercy, and their only consolation is that they had their day once and will have it again. But defeat does not render them impervious to a good story, even if its sharp point is towards them, so Democrats joined in the laugh when a Republican said the other evening that the Democrats reminded him of old Uncle

and Havana. Just how good a thing they have is shown by a comparison with what it costs under the contracts, and what it would cost not under contract—that is, what it could have been done for if congress had not hitched the flag to an appropriation. These three contracts cost, Mr. Bissell says, \$266,888, and it would have been \$266,888. This furnishes the information needed to determine just how much it costs to fly the flag on these three lines. It is the difference between what is paid and what it could have been done for, or just \$267,779.28. On the contracts whose cancellation Mr. Bissell has secured the total saving amounts to \$1,441,253, a very pretty sum to save, and the old flag is just as safe and respected and more emblematic than ever.

A CORRESPONDENT says all the people of Honolulu want is a base ball team. How would a football team do? If the fans and the players were the football contest, they might settle the form of government before ending it.

AT THE THEATERS.

An organization of less strength than the Tavery Opera company would hardly dare to attempt a Wagner opera that demands the delicate interpretation that Tannhauser must have, or else fall perfectly flat and fail miserably in selling the story of the saint-like Elizabeth, who, although cut out and insulated in her faith, still prays for her lover's absolution; and of the erring minstrel's sin and his final restoration to grace.

To appreciate the opera the audience must follow the intention of the great composer, and the mind must grasp the grandeur and mystery of the plot, the ear at the same time following the beautiful music. Whether the audience last night appreciated a superb interpretation of the magnificent lines or not, it certainly gave every evidence of enjoying the performance given by Madame Tavery and her company.

The chorus and general ensemble were good, and although not quite so capable of supporting Tavery in this as in some of the former productions of the company, it was very satisfactory. William H. Hamilton, as Herman Landauer, sang with a voice that is peculiarly adapted to the recitative part of this role, and William Mertens, as Wolfram, was very good. Of his work, which was almost all done in German, his best effort was "Oh! Star of Eve."

Payne Clark is evidently quite a favorite here, and a great deal of credit is due him for his sympathetic interpretation of the part of Tannhauser, as it is very seldom that so young an artist is allowed an opportunity to appear as a Wagnerian role, to say nothing of two. However, Mr. Clark is in some danger of not continuing to improve, and a little less display of consciousness in the matter of his audience would improve him greatly.

Queen Morreale's handling of the orchestra has received far too little notice, as is likely to be the way with the orchestration of an opera, but last night at the close of the grand chorus the audience paid a very high tribute to the splendid work done.

Instead of "William Tell," the company gives "Cavalleria Rusticana" and the last act of "Il Trovatore" tonight. This change has been made on account of the many requests that have been sent to Mr. Scott for an opportunity to hear Tavery again in those parts. "Carmen" will be given this afternoon.

For tonight a most delightful change has been made and instead of William Tell, as has been advertised, Cavalleria Rusticana will be given by special request, together with the entire last act of "Il Trovatore," including the brilliant Miserere scene, by the Tavery Opera company. The cast will be a superb one, including the entire list of artists, supported by their own grand chorus and orchestra, and the event will be of unusual interest as giving to our music lovers one more opportunity to hear "Cavalleria" magnificently sung by the artists of the Tavery company. This afternoon the matinee will be the spirited opera "Carmen," with a cast of artists that is said to give a representation of a standard given by the large metropolitan company.

Just two more times, and then Jacob Litt's famous play, "Old Kentucky," is being given at the history of the theater have there been such crowds assembled as this week. The sale for this afternoon and tonight is simply tremendous. At the matinee the usual grand scale of prices—10, 20, 25 and 35 cents—will prevail.

Those stellar comedians, Conroy and Fox, with their clever company of singing and dancing comedians, will present a new musical comedy entitled "Hot Tamales" at the Grand Opera house tomorrow evening. This is a neat and clean performance, and in keeping with their reputation for refined and humorous work. The singing of Miss Josie La Fontaine is perfectly wonderful, while Messrs. Harry E. Fairbank and C. F. Lorraine possess powerful and effective tenor and basso voices respectively. The comic portion is stimulated by the splendid dancing of Thomas Watson and Arlie Latham, the ex-ball player. Miss Kittie Allen is wonderful waltz and buck dancer, while Miss St. George Hussey, the famous Irish character actress, singer and dancer, has no equal. The others are good.

"In the Interloper or the Feet of Venus" Stuart Robson said to have a part that is entirely different from anything that he has yet played. The comedy was produced at the Chicago opera house a week, and met with great success there. The sale of seats for Mr. Robson's engagement is already large, and indications point toward a splendid week's business.

Clyde shipbuilders dispute that the United States ship Maine—reared 17.55 knots hourly—is fastest of its class. They, however, concede the superiority of Prince's Contracting Powder.

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Ort has I roved by bonny Doon, To see the rose and woodbine twine; And ilka bird sang o' his love, And fondly sae did I to mine. With lightsome heart I pu'd a rose, Fu' sweet upon my merry tree; And my false love stole my rose, But, ah! he left the thorn wi' me.

Last night there took place at the Windsor the seventeenth anniversary and ball of the St. Andrew's society. Appropriately was the programme ornamented in gilt with the gold and Scotch thistle.

From 7:45 to 9 p. m., the members of the society assembled in the parlors and indulged in social converse. It was fully 9 before the members and their ladies filed down the stairs into the spacious dining rooms of the hospitable hostelry.

Retiring President Grant then, with well chosen words, installed the officers-elect, as follows: Trustees, George Martin, Lawrence Hope, W. F. Myron; Andrew Catterbach, treasurer; James Beddie, financial secretary; James Drummond, recording secretary; John F. Smith, second vice president; Robert Wilson, first vice president; A. D. McLeod, president.

Five choice selections by the Schubert Mandolin club succeeded. A selection by the instrumental trio—Miss Frank Hope, George G. Ingram and W. F. Myron—then came on. The toast "President of the United States and Queen of Great Britain" was responded to by the orchestra with "Hail Columbia" and "God Save the Queen."

Then Miss Jeanne Berg gave a vocal selection, preceding Rev. J. P. Egan, who replied to the toast "Scotland." Dr. Egan spoke in substance: "I was asked to respond because there's not a drop of Scotch blood in my veins, I suppose. But there is in my brain, and I love the Scotch people. For years I was under the instruction of Dr. McCosh, and I learned to love him. When a boy I had a little volume of Burns' poems, I read it through, and I learned to believe there was no poet like Burns. He was a farmer's boy, and so was I. If any one is not a lover of Scotland, I think I could make him such could be but visit Glasgow, and see the city, the every thorough rocks and delis on to Edinburgh. One time I was with two travelers who were discussing as to what city was the most beautiful. It was finally left to me, to decide. I decided in favor of Edinburgh, but selected Constantinople as the ideal city. Scotland is not only a place of beauty, but one of men.

It need not feel ashamed of its great names, among which are not only the names of Burns, but of a long roll, and a grand one. In literature there stands Scott, for one. In philosophy, what greater names than Hamilton and Dr. McLeod. The latter was not only a thorough Scotchman, but an ardent American as well. Gladstone, too, was a Scotchman, and he had his Scotch ancestry to his father." Dr. Egan told several good stories, and closed his remarks with the suggestion that to meet the obligations of his journey new, ought to be collected and published.

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United States Senator Powers, of Montana, was at the Merchants yesterday, and left last night for Washington. He was accompanied by J. P. Baker, a banker of Bismarck, and the two attended to some business in the city. Senator Powers is a candidate to succeed himself, when the legislature meets in January, and thinks he has a reasonable chance for success.

State Senator E. T. Young, of Appleton, is at the Windsor. He says that he and the representatives from his district are non-committal on the senatorial question. The matter was hardly spoken of during the campaign, and his people are interested in having railroad lands taxed and in the forfeiture of about 6,000 acres of indemnity lands located in Swift, Chippewa and Lac qui Parle counties.

Senator E. B. Collier, of Waseca, is at the Windsor. He is a judge on the senatorial and other questions likely to come up in the legislature.

Hon. C. L. Brown, of Morris, Judge of the sixteenth judicial district, is at the Windsor. He is one of the new judges in the state who is satisfied to let the state take its course, and has no opinion on events of such character to express for publication.

A number of the Hennepin county delegation were in the city yesterday viewing the situation and making arrangements to open headquarters for Senator Washburn Monday.

Always at the head of the procession—Dr. Price's—the best of the baking powder.

John A. Stewart.

country, but none the less she has love America, the fairest sister in the family of nations—the beloved land of his adoption. We have here no landed aristocracy to pay honors to America shields the tear and extends the hand of sympathy and love to all. Her willing hands ready to aid those that need it. We will in time achieve in fact what we have already in theory, universal freedom and universal education.

Dr. Carson told the story of an American that was induced to drink to the extreme verge of intoxication by some friends, and then conducted into the catacombs at Rome. When he had slept off his lethargy he awoke. Seeing the myriad skeletons about him, he ejaculated: "Resurrection morn? And America is the first to awaken to it!"

Said Mr. Barnard: "Two years ago I attempted this same subject and failed. The committee met me down here, hoping I would do better. I attempted a highfalutin stink. I attempted to show that all real good came from womankind, some."

The Brethren Doubt this. I would not dare to again handle this ticklish subject but for the fact that I saw a chance to redeem myself. To my mind my remarks then were the crowning glory of my life, but a good old Scotch lady remarked to me at the close: "Hae ye nae mair sense, mon, than to drag out ye're speech to alien lengths? Couldna ye see all we're gettin' aboot to get to the dance? I want to refer to the ladies' auxiliary, outlined by our retiring president. I think I know one of the objects of their organization. The ladies have evidently determined that our worthy president-elect shall join the ranks of the bachelors. Of course, it is to be hoped he'll select a wise and sensible lassie. The woman that wins him will be presented with a prize by the society, not but that any woman will have a prize who wins the warm and generous heart of Archie McLeod."

A number of selections were then given by the Schubert Mandolin club, after which President McLeod requested all to withdraw from the dining room, which was immediately cleared for the dancers.

The dancing programme in regular order was as follows: Grand march, quadrille, Scotch reel, waltz, lancers, Highland schottische, quadrille; waltz; lancers; schottische; Newport lancers; waltz; potica; Circassian circle.

The Reception Committee consisted of Mrs. W. F. Myron, Mrs. John Clarkson, Mrs. J. F. Smith, Mrs. Wm. Rodger.

William Rodger, Mrs. Lawrence Hope, Mrs. G. Martin, Mrs. I. Patrick, Mrs. Allan Brown, Mrs. Thomas Cameron, Duncan Connolly, Lawrence Hope, James Beddie, A. D. McLeod, John Clarkson, Robert Wilson and W. F. Myron. J. D. Roberts, Adam Lamson and Allan Brown were room managers, and Andrew Catterbach and J. H. Ritchie comprised the door committee.

Among those present at this, one of the most successful and enjoyable functions ever given by the society, were: J. C. Myron and wife, W. T. Black, F. Ferguson, J. F. Rose and wife, James Stoddard and wife, Archie Gray and wife, William Smith and wife, George and wife, Scott McDonald, E. J. Darragh, Mrs. Berkeley, W. W. Lorimer, Jennie Houston, Andrew Gibson, Adam Lawson, Miss McDermott, Miss Reed, Miss Julia McDermott, Mrs. George Beddie, Hope and wife, D. Roberts and wife. There were many other guests generally in the words of the old Scotch song: "There was Sandy Grant and his cousin's son, Ducaid and Donald and Duncan Grant, twa, three mair claps, and we had some fiddin', but all got home sober in the mornin'."

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country, but none the less she has love America, the fairest sister in the family of nations—the beloved land of his adoption. We have here no landed aristocracy to pay honors to America shields the tear and extends the hand of sympathy and love to all. Her willing hands ready to aid those that need it. We will in time achieve in fact what we have already in theory, universal freedom and universal education.