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The people of the United States are not disposed to have any change in present business conditions, as shown by their overwhelming verdict for the President and the Republican party. Of course we do not include the South. In politics it is always swayed more by prejudice than judgment. The political leaders of our section have ever been impractical, and seem to think that business and politics should be entirely separated.

With Chairman Jones expressing delight at the defeat of Van Wyck in New York and Mr. Richard Croker declaring his intention to go into national politics and defeat free silver in the next national convention, the Democrats are likely to have a lively time when they meet again in national convention.

The people of the United States will have something substantial to be thankful for on Thanksgiving Day. They have an abundance of the necessities of life, prosperity is once more seen in the land, peace has been restored, and our government is in the hands of one of our wisest and most patriotic citizens.

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rush of 150,000 men to California in 1849. In 1859 there was the Fraser River gold excitement that attracted 60,000 Americans. In 1869 the bonanza ledges in the Comstock lode at Virginia City, Nev., set the whole world crazy. In 1879 the American miners were almost equally divided between the silver mines at Leadville and the free-mining gold mines at Tombstone, Ariz. In 1889 the newly found Harqua Hala gold mines on the Colorado River and the silver mines at Chihuahua, Mex., stirred thousands of old-time prospectors and miners as nothing else had done in several years.

"The Western miners have come to have a firm faith that there is bound to be a great rush to new diggings every year that has a '9' at the end of its date. In my travels among the California, Arizona and Colorado camps lately I have been asked dozens of times where I believed the prospectors would strike it, so as to have the expected mining stampede next year. I confess myself to the belief that we shall hear of a great gold strike somewhere in the West in 1899."—New York "Sun."

Abatement of Two Nuisances.

The elections of last Tuesday abated two Congressional nuisances for which the whole country may well be thankful. One is the defeat of "Jerry" Simpson in Kansas, and the other is the defeat of James Hamilton Lewis in Washington.

When "Jerry" Simpson entered Congress there was a certain respect felt for him, notwithstanding his known eccentricities. It was believed that he was sincere although mistaken and it was hoped that a freer contact with the world would smooth away his rougher points and bring out the real worth of the man. But his career in Congress has lessened this respect to a great degree and his course in the last two sessions almost destroyed it. He was most anxious apparently to achieve notoriety than to perform any useful work. He became a nuisance in the House of Representatives and an obstructor of necessary business, and Congress and the whole country will be glad to know that the voters have tired of him and left him at home.

The other nuisance, James Hamilton Lewis, of Washington, has even less to commend him than "Jerry" Simpson. He came to Congress untried, but he was no sooner there than he began to display so many of the characteristics of the mountebank as to excite contempt. In the campaign he has been making for re-election he has shown another characteristic, that of disingenuousness. He was most unmercifully scored in Congress by Congressmen Dingley and Grosvenor, and fearful lest they might say something to injure him he sent a telegram to each one of them asking them to give no expression against him during the campaign, and then on the same day these telegrams were sent he delivered a speech at Seattle, Wash., abusing Mr. Dingley and Mr. Grosvenor in a shameful way. A more despicable method of gaining an advantage over an absent opponent can hardly be imagined. His constituents recognized the attempt at deceit and punished him with defeat.

The absence of these two eccentrics from the next Congress will be a relief which will result in more and better work. It is encouraging to see the West getting rid of the cranks which the Populist craze foisted upon that neighborhood.

Destined to Be the Dominant Power. Some writers on the daily press take a peculiar view of the news recently published that certain prominent Welsh tin plate makers have disposed of their interests in Wales and propose to establish themselves in the same business in this country. An instance of this kind is shown in the following clipping from a Western journal: "The Welsh tin plate makers have heard of the extortion that manufacturers in this country are able to practice under the protection of Dingleyism, and they are coming over to establish themselves and have a hand in the tariff spoils."

This statement is quite interesting, and would be amusing to American tin plate manufacturers if it were not for the fact that at present prices on tin plates are so extremely low in this country that it is difficult to figure out profits, sales actually being made at rates almost down to the level obtaining at Welsh works. So far as the duty on tin plate is concerned, the manufacturers have given to their customers all the benefits that might possibly have been derived from this source. The duty exists in the law, but in actual practice it is of little effect. If Welsh tin plate makers transplant themselves to this country it will not be for the purpose of participating in present profits or taking "a hand in the tariff spoils," but to secure a favorable position in the country which they perceive is destined to be the dominant power in the world's trade in the near future.—Iron Age.

A Vanished Democratic Hope. Baltimore "Sun" (Ind. Dem.)

If the election of President McKinley's successor devolves upon the House of Representatives of the Fifty-sixth Congress, the Chief Executive of the nation after March 3, 1901, will be a Republican. While the returns are not complete there is no question that a majority of the States have returned Republican delegations. The Democrats and Fusionists have either solid or majority delegations from nineteen States, as follows: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Montana, Nevada and Colorado. The Republicans control the delegations from the remaining twenty-six States, and so the last hope of the Silver Democrats and their allies to elect a President through the House of Representatives has vanished.

Sol Smith Russell says that the actors who influenced him most were John E. Owens, William Warren and Joe Jefferson.

Frank Hunter Potter, a nephew of the Episcopal Bishop of New York, is a grand opera tenor whose stage name is Signor Fillipe.

Mark Twain's admirers, in this country will be glad to know that he has more than accomplished what he set out to do by his lecturing tour. He has completely cleared off all his debts and has more than a little left. "As for humorous lecturing," he adds, "I hate it. It isn't becoming to one of my years."

Toasting Sir Francis Drake. Plymouth, it appears, consumes 5,000,000 gallons of water per diem. Yesterday it put itself in possession of a standing re-

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EXPORTS BEYOND EXPECTATION.

It Seems Impossible to Meet Any Monetary Trouble When They are Considered—Steel Exports, Especially, are Phenomenal.

New York, Nov. 11.—R. G. Dunn & Co's Weekly Review of Trade says: The country has safely passed the trial of "off year" elections. Before this election everything except political uncertainties favored business.

The volume of trade had been the greatest ever known in October. The record on November thus far shows clearings 10.4 per cent. larger than last year and 9.3 per cent. larger than 1897. The railroad earnings in October have been 5.25 larger than last year and 8.0 per cent. larger than in 1897. Foreign trade shows an increase of 20 per cent. in October exports with 38 per cent. in exports from New York last week, while imports showed a gain of only 22 per cent. in October and credits against foreign bankers were piling up at an active rate. There was absolutely no anxiety about the currency, and the treasury is only too strong. When enormous exports of products are considered it seems quite impossible for the country to meet with serious monetary trouble.

GRAIN EXPORTS. Wheat declined nearly a cent, but recovered all the loss, with Atlantic exports, flour included, of 3,338,509 bushels against 3,274,489 last year and Pacific exports 1,016,961 against 1,682,362 last year. Western receipts 9,924,045 bushels for the week against 7,255,514 last year, continue to render the holding back of stocks manifestly a failure.

Corn has but slightly changed in price, with reports of 2,062.31 bushels against 2,474,661 last year and an increase of more than a half in Western receipts. Cotton remains at the lowest price on record, with heavy receipts, and without large milling demand.

IRON AND STEEL. Iron production November 1st was 238,935 tons weekly, against 215,635 October 1st, and a decrease is seen of 35,241 tons in stocks outside the holdings of the great steel companies, indicating an actual consumption of 1,019,646 tons in October, about 284 tons daily greater than the largest ever shown in any previous month on record.

The export demand is beyond all dreams 40,000 tons rails for Northern Europe, and 100,000 tons plates, besides 4,500 tons billets from Pittsburgh alone, with great quantities of bars, rods, wire and other finished products. The works are generally filled with orders, including many from ocean and lake ship-yards, and many for cars, with seasonable demand for other products. The minor metals still advance, largely with the London demand; tin to 18.30 cents, and copper 12.6 per cent. bid for lake, with lead steady at 37 1/2, in spite of heavy Mexican advances.

THE WOOLLEN TRADE. Wool sales for the past week were only 3,735,000 pounds, although three chief Eastern markets were secured by consignations at all markets as last week, making 13,234,000 pounds against 16,552,902 for the same two weeks last year, and 12,289,600 pounds for the same weeks in 1897. Many holders are refusing to abate their prices, though large manufacturers bid below current market prices, because of their uncertainty in regard to the demand for woolen goods, which has somewhat improved, and yet not greatly. It is growing in the minds of holders of wool at the East that the supply of foreign and domestic wool on hand is much greater than has heretofore been supposed.

Cotton goods are, on the whole, in better demand, although denims are slightly lower, and little can be said of encouraging character as to the demand for staple goods of domestic use. Failures for the week were 211 in the United States, against 291 last year and 26 in Canada, against 24 last year.

BRIDES DIVINELY TALL. Some Junos Have Been Led to the Hymeneal Altar of Late.

In one respect the brides of the year drawing to a close have aroused comment never before perhaps called forth in any one season. So far as physique has been concerned, they are a group of goddesses, whose stature in several instances emphasized the fact that the bridegrooms, in the matter of inches, fell considerably short of Olympian proportions. Miss Catharine Duer, the favorite of all her set, who married Clarence Mackey last Spring, was a young Juno, who overtopped her husband by an inch or two. Miss George Vanderbilt, another June bride, is taller than her husband. The young Duchess of Marlborough, by the way, had the better of the Duke in inches, as well as in millions. And now another Englishman, Harold Baring, who has just married Miss Marie Churchill, will also look up to his wife in more ways than one. So it has gone until people are beginning to raise their eyebrows and wonder where this inverse proportion is to end.

A physician who was addressing a woman's club the other day had something to say on this subject. He declared unequivocally that "girls are taller, stronger, better than they were twenty-five years ago." He said, with a quizzical smile, that his only fear is that he will produce a race of girls six feet tall, "with brothers only four feet six." He thinks that parents coddle their children too much, and said that there is more sickness caused by over-dressing than by under-dressing.—Chicago Chronicle.

others at each seven-inch mark between them (Fig. 2). Drive pegs three inches long into each of these six holes, add a handle and the tool is ready for use. To operate, lay the tool across the bed and press the pegs into the soil, making holes 1, 2, 3, etc. (Fig. 3). Lift and turn the tool at right angles to the row of holes just made, putting the first peg into hole A and pressing, as before, making holes B, C, D, etc. Lift again, and with the first peg in hole B make row B parallel to row A, and so on. The writer has used this tool in transplanting thousands of lettuce plants and can testify to the neatness of the beds so laid off, as well as to the speed with which it can be used and the time saved thereby.

When Washing Calico. Calicoes should be washed in clean water turned on the wrong side and dried in the shade. Blues and greens are strengthened by vinegar in the rinsing or blueing water allowing one tablespoonful of vinegar to every quart of water.—St. Louis Republic.

serve of 130 days' supply, after which it indulged in what is called the quaint annual ceremony of toasting the memory of Sir Francis Drake, who in the course of his mayoralty gave the town its first regular supply of the pure element. The ceremony is performed in this way: The pious memory of Sir Francis is drunk in water at the head weir. But then the company drinks in wine to the sentiment, "May the descendants of him who brought us water never want for wine!" Which is not only a much more altruistic sentiment than is usually to be expected from a mayor and corporation, but also goes to show that even 5,000,000 gallons of water per diem cannot prevent their appreciation of the other liquor.—Pall Mall Gazette.

The fortune of a Croesus lies buried under the sands and rocks near Gunwalloe, in the Lizard district of Cornwall. In 1574 a Spanish ship, bearing a freight of \$17,000,000 and many bars of gold to London for safe custody that could not be found in Spain, was wrecked amid the sand and rocks some distance from the shore—a cruel, murderous-looking shore. This more than a fortune has been buried since. A part of the treasure was once secured by an enterprising Cornishman (the Government claiming its toll), and more than one band of speculators has tried to rob the sea of its spoil and has been defeated by the great Atlantic rollers and driven home out of pocket, but yet not without hope. There is some hope of making another search for this hidden wealth; but Cornishmen have been so bitten in many ventures that they may well look up their pockets.—London "Outlook."

Always whistling.—"There's a man who is nearly always whistling, rain or shine." "Still he doesn't look as if he had an extraordinarily happy disposition; who is he?" "His name is Grimes; he is a locomotive engineer."—Cleveland Leader.

The Sun and Wind were discussing for the thousandth time the Man with the Cloak. "Just to think how I blew myself," said the Wind, and he would not open up." Ah," said the Sun; "but you did not show him as warm a time as I did."—Indianapolis Journal.

De T.—"How startling are statistics; we drank seventy million gallons of whiskey last year." Mrs. De T.—"Speak for yourself, please; you know I never touched a drop of it."—Harlem Life.

Trouble ahead for him.—"They say Noddleson is very proud of his Cyranoid Cerebral nose." "Well, he won't be if he ever tries to stick it into my business again as he did the other day when he spoiled a horse trade I was trying to engineer."—W. E. DRAPER.

An impulsive young woman of Chicago asked Mr. Zangwill the other day what was his Christian name? "I haven't any," he replied, "I am a Jew."

When James M. Barrie's cricket eleven won its recent game at Tunbridge Wells, Mme. de Navarro, better known as Mary Anderson, was one of the on-lookers. Owing to the wound he received at Fort Fisher, Captain "Bob" Evans was retired from the navy's active list and was only restored after much pleading by a joint resolution of Congress, which exempted him forever from physical examination as to disability. He is the only officer in the service who has been so honored.

Admiral Thomas O. Selfridge, who was almost the only man to escape from the Cumberland after her battle with the Merimac, and who has just passed, by reason of age, over to the navy's retired list, will live in Washington with his family. "I have been in nearly every port in the world," he said recently, "and now I'm tired of traveling."

There is living in Rochelle, Ill., an old woman, Mrs. Harriet Hyde Heath, who acted as a nurse to William McKinley fifty-three years ago. She was a school teacher in Niles, O., and "boarded round" among her pupils' parents. While at the McKinleys' the mother of the future President was taken ill and Mrs. Heath for several days took charge of the 2-year-old boy.

A convenient marker is shown in Fig. 1 that will insure the setting of plants at regular intervals in greenhouse benches. For convenience of explanation let us suppose the greenhouse bench to be 3 1/2 feet wide and the interval between the plants to be seven inches. Select a piece of pine 42 inches long, 3 1/2 inches wide and three-fourths of an inch thick. Bore a three-fourths of an inch hole 3 1/2 inches from each end of the board and

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