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been lucky, indeed, to secure his position in the first place. It may have happened in other cases, of course, that some former officeholder had displayed such excellent qualifications that his department and his Government could not get along without him; and some of the rejected and dejected applicants, who were themselves good old "ex's" used to say that Mr. Cleveland was not averse to declaring in effect, by his own repeated candidacies for office, that what was sauce for the goose was sauce for the gander; and the same is to be said, very ill-naturedly, of course, of Mr. Harrison, who, if I remember correctly, was himself a candidate for office a second time.

The Twin Evils.

For twenty years the United States has suffered, first from the evils of a high protective tariff, next from gold standard contraction, and now we are to have both together. Will that bring prosperity? Let us see.

High protection reduced our revenues and killed our merchant marine. Not a single ship bearing the flag of this nation passed through the Suez Canal last year. Two-thirds of all the tonnage that entered it was British.

Final demonetization of silver and gold contraction during the Cleveland administration increased our national bonded debt from \$855,034,250 in 1892 to \$837,941,940 at the close of 1896, an increase of \$262,330,690, or 45 per cent of the volume at the close of Harrison's term.

Every preceding Administration since the Civil War has diminished the national debt. From 1888 to 1892 the decrease amounted to \$244,816,890.

No wonder that even interests allied with the gold ring are clamoring for currency reform. Verily, President McKinley will have to carry out his original intention, and "do something" for silver, or silver will do for him.

Whirlwind Riders.

The esteemed Chicago Tribune, like the New York Evening Post, did its level best to faden upon the country an Administration certain to attempt the enactment of a high protective tariff bill. Now it is bludgeoned enough to find fault with the necessary and inevitable results of the course pursued by journals and people who sacrificed their political principles upon the ensanguined altar of gold.

Under these circumstances the Tribune is weakly bold enough to declare that the tariff of 1890 was "a gross and greedy blunder," which "must not be repeated in the enactment of the new tariff bill." We may be allowed to doubt the efficacy of such a mandate in shaping the course of the impending legislation. It is to be feared that Mr. McKinley will regard the halt of the Chicago Republican exponent, not so much in a papal as in a Hibernian sense.

High protective tariffs go down hard with people who think them vicious and destructive; but those who have knowingly and with notice abetted wrong to bring them about are not the ones to fuss about it.

Mrs. Dominis' Anxiety.

A valued correspondent asks us if the ex-Queen of the Hawaiian Islands is not showing considerable anxiety to obtain an early interview with Mr. McKinley, and he would like to have us tell him why this is true, and not otherwise. He points out that the ex-queen's Grand Chamberlain of the Furnace Room, Mr. Palmer, has visited the White House at least three times to ask that ex-Queen Liliuokalani might have the privilege of paying her respects; and notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Palmer was not encouraged at all, the ex-queen, or perhaps it was the grand chamberlain, was not deterred from writing a polite note to the President to ask the same favor, which note, by the way, seems to have been lost among the curds of applications for office that adorn Mr. Patten's desk and the surrounding country and that he promises to put on file. Our correspondent tells us further that Mrs. Dominis spent a great deal of time last Saturday, or had a great deal of time spent, to find out at what church Mr. McKinley intended to worship the next day, doubtless desiring to join him.

We do not know that these performances on the part of this dusky lady are suspicious, and hence we should hesitate to say so. If she is trying to prevent any action favorable to the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands to this country, she may well be anxious, and Mr. McKinley for his part may well be very diplomatic, if not actually distant, in his treatment of her, while Mr. Olney may have given her tickets of admission to a recent important show at the Capitol, that does not necessarily establish her standing at the other end of the Avenue. It may also be that Mr. McKinley has consulted a fortune teller recently, who has advised him to beware of a dark lady who has lodged upon his comfort and is liable to cross the pathway of his life at any moment. If for any of these reasons the President entertains these suspicions, and if by any means Mrs. Dominis or her grand chamberlain has learned about them, there is good reason why, if she has any business of consequence in hand, she ought to be desirous to see him without delay. Generally speaking, delays are dangerous. Again, in this particular case, the spell might be declared off.

A Dubious Prospect.

We cannot blame those visiting statesmen who have held office under previous Republican Administrations from wondering whether the "ex's" after all are going to have any show whatever under the McKinley regime. We notice that a goodly number of the "ex's" are at present frolicking Washington. They are to be noticed in the hotel lobbies, and they have not been entirely successful in keeping their names out of the newspapers.

We believe it used to be held by President Harrison, as well as by President Cleveland, that a person who had once held an important office really deserved no further consideration from his party. He had

WESTERN RIVERS RAMPANT.

St. Louis, March 10.—The recent heavy rains has swollen the small streams in the northeastern part of Missouri and the lowlands are submerged to a depth of from one to three feet. The loss in live stock and damage to farm buildings and crops is very heavy. The Missouri River is rising at an alarming rate, and if the spring rise comes on top of the present high water fears are entertained of a disastrous flood.

The Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad is keeping a large force of men constantly at work rimping the bank along the river near St. Charles, Mo., and every effort is being made to prepare for the expected flood. The Mississippi River at this city registers twenty-two feet, which is six feet below the danger line.

Detroit, Michigan, March 10.—A special to the Journal from Portland, Me., says Grand River is on the rampage again at this point. The water rose about four feet last night and this morning all factories along the river are closed down, the engine-booms being under water. The heavy rains of the past forty-eight hours have added to the volume of water, which was already large.

It is reported that the great body of heavy ice began moving some miles up the river last night, but it became jammed just above the village. The water is slowly rising this morning and the loose ice, which is running under the solid ice, is making a dam below the village which is growing worse hourly. The outlook for serious consequences is much more threatening than a few weeks ago.

DEATH BEAT THE TRAIN.

Mr. Paine's Vain Effort to See His Wife Before Her Death.

New York, March 10.—Robert Treat Paine, the well-known Boston millionaire and philanthropist, passed through this city this morning on a fast train specially chartered, en route from Washington to Boston, where his wife, when the train started, lay dying. The train met him at Manassas, Va., and, it is said, according to the terms of his agreement with the railroad company, he is to pay a big bonus for every minute chopped off the record.

Mr. Paine's trip was all in vain, for Mrs. Paine died yesterday. The impatient traveler received the telegram while his special was speeding through Wilmington, Del., but he kept on and reached his home as speedily as steam could carry him.

SENATOR MORRILL'S RUSH.

Unveiled at the State University of Ohio.

Columbus, Ohio, March 10.—A bust of Senator Justin S. Morrill of Vermont, author of the bills to create agricultural colleges by the sale of public lands, and providing for annual appropriations to support colleges of this nature, was unveiled at the State University yesterday, with appropriate exercises.

The address of the occasion was delivered by Prof. Hunt, who paid an eloquent tribute to the Vermont statesman. The bust is a plaster cast, made from the marble one to be placed in the Art gallery at Washington.

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Pennsylvania Railroad Changes.

Philadelphia, March 10.—The board of directors of the Pennsylvania company today decided to divide the office of general freight agent, formerly held by William H. Joyce, who was recently promoted to the office of general traffic manager, into local and through freight branches. Charles A. Clugston was made the local freight agent, and J. H. Taylor, Jr., was chosen as the through freight agent. The appointees were formerly assistants to Mr. Joyce.

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PRESIDENT AT THE HOSPITAL.

Mr. McKinley Affected by the Injury to General Hastings.

The action of President McKinley, upon hearing that his friend, Gen. Hastings, was hurt yesterday afternoon, has attracted universal comment, and he has been praised for his prompt visit to the injured man. He went to the hospital to personally see the extent of the old soldier's injuries, and it is impressed upon Hastings that when the President left, he could not keep back the tears of gratitude.

The circumstances under which the accident occurred are very touching. Gen. Hastings had just had his old comrade (who has been elevated to the highest office in the gift of the people) good-bye and started to walk back to his hotel, when he was accidentally struck down, and made an invalid and half the President was on his bedside in the Emergency Hospital.

Gen. Hastings was an officer in the Twenty-third Ohio Volunteers, Mr. McKinley's regiment, and is now the senior officer in command. Gen. Hastings at present resides in the Bermuda Islands, where he owns several large plantations. He left home especially to attend the inauguration, arrived here on February 28, and has been stopping at the Ebbott. He has made several calls on the President and yesterday said farewell at the White House, previous to his departure for home on Saturday. He was accompanied by his friends, Gen. J. L. Botsford and wife of Youngstown, Ohio.

The party turned from Pennsylvania avenue into Fifteenth street and strolled slowly down the sidewalk. Gen. Hastings is very tall and walks with a cane on account of a stiff right knee, the result of a bullet wound at the battle of Opequon creek. They turned to cross Fifteenth street directly opposite the junction of F street. A cable car was rapidly approaching and the general, warning the others with a cry, stepped quickly back, when he was struck by a single horse-delivery wagon belonging to Golden, Love & Co., commission merchants, at 925 Louisiana avenue. The general turned to the right and fell, his right leg was lifted to his feet and stood above while Gen. Botsford got the name and address of the firm who owned the wagon. Gen. Botsford returned and Gen. Hastings attempted to start across the street. He fell again, and would have fallen if several bystanders had not come to his aid and supported him.

A passing coupe was halted, but Gen. Hastings could not be lifted into it. Finally, the Emergency ambulance was summoned and the disabled veteran driven to the hospital.

A hasty examination at the hospital showed that the right leg was broken near the knee. The general was made as comfortable as possible. The fracture was bandaged and dressed, and a plaster cast put upon it by Dr. Kerr, Dr. Lawrence and Dr. Turner, who attended him. The patient was then removed to a small room back of the operating room, and put to bed.

As soon as Gen. Hastings was made comfortable, Gen. Botsford left his wife to look after him, and went to the White House and notified the President of the accident.

The President was deeply moved by the news, and said that he would visit the general at once. Shortly after 2 o'clock he entered his carriage and drove to the south door of the hospital. He was accompanied by Col. Taylor, of East Liverpool, Ohio, and Capt. McWilliams. He hurriedly entered the hospital and asked to be shown to the injured man's room. His face plainly indicated the anxiety Josephine Bragg, her stepdaughter, fifteen years old, was arrested this afternoon, but claims to know nothing of the shooting. Mrs. Bragg was the owner of a great deal of property, and was considered a very wealthy woman, her stepdaughter being, it is said, the only heir.

"Why, generally, I am sincerely sorry to see you here," said the President, "but I hear it is not serious and am glad of that."

The old soldier murmured his thanks, and the President continued cheerfully.

"By the way, this is not the first time I have seen you wounded. Let me see, the last time was at Winchester, wasn't it?"

"And you didn't think I'd pull through that either?"

"That's so," said the President. "You're in better shape now than you were then. What can I do for you, general?"

"Nothing, I thank you, major."

"Shall I not notify your wife, send her a cablegram about your condition?"

"No, no, I beg you don't do that. She is not in very good health, and I do not wish her to know I am hurt at all."

The President questioned Dr. Kerr about the extent of the injuries and the probable results, and then advised with Gen. Hastings, who said that he was in fairly good condition, and before he left said:

"Now, general, command me, day or night, and while you are at the hospital I shall make it my pleasant duty to come out and see you. Good-by, old fellow."

Tears came to the eyes of the old soldier and he trickled down his rugged cheeks when the President shook his hand at parting. It was an affecting scene and one that will long be remembered by those who witnessed it.

After the President left, Gen. Hastings was conveyed to the Garfield Hospital and placed in a private room. The hospital report gives the general's injury as a fracture of the inner tuberosity of the right thigh. The injured joint was stiff before the accident, but now can be moved about. The accident is serious, but not dangerous to a man with a strong constitution. Unless something unexpected should occur, Gen. Hastings will be fully recovered in a few weeks.

While Rutherford B. Hayes was in the White House, Gen. Hastings was a frequent visitor here. His regiment had been originally commanded by President Hayes, and as a result of their continued friendship Gen. Hastings was always the guest of the President during his visits to Washington. The friendship was cemented by his marriage in the White House to Miss Emily Platt, a niece of Mr. Hayes.

Gen. Hastings requested that no charge be preferred against the driver of the vehicle, as he realized that it was an unavoidable accident, and said he would refuse to prosecute if charges were brought. The driver is a young man named James T. Flynn.

He regretted the accident deeply. Mrs. Botsford said that he was not driving recklessly, nor at too great a speed, and was in no way to be blamed. Gen. Hastings was reported to be resting quietly at Garfield Hospital at midnight last night.

Favors the Torrey Bill.

New York, March 10.—The board of trustees of the National Bankruptcy Association today adopted resolutions favoring the passage of the Torrey bankruptcy bill at the forthcoming special session of Congress, the appointing of committees to investigate abuses of privileges of American citizens traveling abroad, and to secure the appointment of the judicial committee between Great Britain and this country.

Wages Reduced at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, March 10.—Reductions in wages of from 10 to 20 per cent, affecting about 800 men, have been announced in the Keystone bridge rolling mill, Pittsburg, and at the Standard Manufacturing Co., of the same city. The Standard Manufacturing Company resumed operations in full yesterday after an idleness of about a month.

THE WORK OF TRAMPS.

Old Pennsylvania Couple Brutally Beaten and Hobbed.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 10.—A Greenburg special telegram states that last night a daring and brutal assault was committed near the mining village of Crabtree. Five miles north of Greensburg, Richard Graham and wife, an aged couple residing alone on a farm, were the victims of the assault, which had robbery for its object. Graham is reported to be wealthy. Three masked men forced an entrance to the house and knocked the aged couple senseless with an ax. After that they ransacked the house and left. It is not yet known how much money they secured.

When discovered by a neighbor this morning, Graham and his wife were lying in a pool of blood, unconscious, on the floor. Mr. Graham was yet unconscious at noon today in a critical condition. He is about sixty-five years of age; his wife about fifty-five. She may recover. It is supposed that tramps committed the assault.

KENTUCKY DEMOCRATS HOPEFUL.

Think They Can Elect a Successor to Blackburn.

Chicago, March 10.—A Chronicle special from Lexington, Ky., says that a conference here yesterday, between Senators Bromson and Uebel, State Central Committeeman Johnston and other leading Democrats, it was decided that the Democrats have a chance to elect a United States Senator, provided a man can be found upon whom the gold and silver members of the legislature can combine. Accordingly, they have telegraphed for Blackburn to meet them here Saturday for the purpose of discussing the situation.

The belief that Gov. Bradley and his friends will withdraw Hester's election, and that Hunter will get the Republican caucus nomination, has given them renewed hope. Blackburn, it is said, has decided to withdraw his name, and when the legislature meets, Saturday, the Democrats may have a new man in the field.

BENEFITS THE AMERICANS.

Grand Trunk Trains to Be Made Up on This Side.

Port Huron, Mich., March 10.—An important change in the Grand Trunk's work has been arranged for Port Huron and Sarnia. At present all west-bound trains are made up on this side and east-bound trains on the Canadian side, and all repairing is done before trains go through the tunnel. From this date all the work will be done here and all trains made up on the American side, no matter which way they go. This will necessitate the entire remodeling of the tracks on this side of the tunnel portal, and plans of a new yard with fifty more tracks have been drawn. This change will reduce the number of men employed about one-half and leave only two or three at Sarnia.

DEATH OF ROBERT G. BLAINE.

He Was a Brother of "the Planned Knight."

The funeral services over the remains of Mr. Robert Gillespie Blaine will be held tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, at St. Peter's Church, corner Second and C streets southeast. Father James M. O'Brien will officiate and celebrate high mass. Interment will be at Congressional Cemetery.

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114-piece Decorated English Dinner Sets, each.....\$8.95
112-piece Decorated English Dinner Sets, each.....\$9.00
115-piece Decorated English Dinner Sets, each.....\$10.00
112-piece English Dinner Sets, filled pattern, each.....\$12.00
115-piece Decorated English Dinner Sets, choice designs, each.....\$15.00

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10-piece Decorated English Toilet Sets, each.....\$1.95
12-piece Decorated English Toilet Sets, with jar, each.....\$3.50
12-piece Toilet Sets, new shape, new decoration, with jar, each.....\$5.00
12-piece Antique Toilet Sets, new decoration, with jar, each.....\$7.50
12-piece Tinted and Decorated Toilet Sets, with jar, each.....\$8.50
12-piece Stippled and Decorated Toilet Sets, with jar, each.....\$9.00
Other styles and qualities up to \$15.00 set.

More Bissell Carpet Sweepers.

We have just received another large shipment of Carpet Sweepers in the various grades, and shall offer today

3 crates of Bissell's "Pillar" Carpet Sweepers, at the quick selling price,

\$1.50 EACH.

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6x9 feet, each.....\$3.95
8x10 feet, each.....\$5.85
9x12 feet, each.....\$7.00
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