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ALL HAIL CHRISTMAS!

One man may write about the evils of the present custom of gift making at Christmas. Another may use his editorial column to congratulate himself and his readers that eggnog drinking in old Virginia is the exception now, and not the rule. As for us, we sing the Christmas spirit in whatever form it may show itself. The spirit that opens heart and hand, that transforms the careworn face, if only for a day,—that changes the miser into a lordly spendthrift for others,—that sinks self and exalts the comrade and neighbor. All hail Christmas,—the time when friend meets friend, when enemies are at last forgotten, when the poor man is the honored guest, when the rich forgets the gap between. All hail Christmas!

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

The Republicans in Congress will fasten the iniquitous single standard on the people, and will be assisted in their work by a few Democrats?

Fiery resolutions will be aimed at trusts, but they will go on "doing business at the old stand."

Appropriations, with a "jar" about them, will abound. The tariff beat and claw will be sharpened. Pensions will be increased. Public buildings, in favored centres, will be built. The army of invasion will be increased. Elaborate and expensive funeral programs will be approved. Dram drinking will go on in the basement of the capitol while temperance legislation is being enacted above.

Any people's wants in any or all of the above? Any betterment of public roads? No, for none of these things move the average congressman now that he is nestled in Washington.

The day of promise will begin with the beginning of the next campaign, however, and end as usual just outside the limit of performance. What fools we voters be!

Yes, things are humming in the business world just now, and there is a so-called prosperity in the land, and what has made it? The Republican administration at Washington? The single standard? By no means. What then? WAR. It is a destructive but at the same time constructive factor in the work of the world. Whence came the multi-millionaire of the present? Out of the womb of the most destructive war of modern times. The two leading nations of earth, the United States, and England, are engaged in extensive warfare, and are also the leading purchasers of earth. Horses are higher, and mules and meat, and iron, and canned goods, and clothing, and vegetables, &c., &c., &c., because of extensive warfare. McKinley and his associates created war, and thus contributed to the results. This is wicked, and no good citizens will rejoice in a prosperity purchased at such cost. Give us Bryan and peace, and a heaven blessed prosperity.

There was a failure in Boston the other day up in the millions. Reason assigned: Scarcity of money.

The Masonic temple in Richmond was built on borrowed money, and it is difficult to keep down the interest. Reason: Scarcity of money.

The same is true of churches we could name. Reason: Scarcity of money.

And yet the Richmond Times has "money to burn."

Senator Martin was made his own successor by high nigh the unanimous vote of the Legislature on Tuesday last—the one Republican voting against him.

A tax of 25 cents a ton will be placed on the fertilizers sold in the State, and it is said this will bring in a revenue of \$25,000.

Judge Watkins is pressing a measure to head off lynching.

Mr. McKinley, in his speech at Mt. Vernon, in presence of the Masons who assembled there to do honor to the memory of Washington, invoked his spirit to dwell with his fellow countrymen in these days of wild and wicked imperialism. We wonder if the President of 1869 ever read the farewell address of his illustrious predecessor.

The National convention of the Republican party will meet in Philadelphia on the 19th of June. The second term will consume the energies of Mr. McKinley and his confederates from this time on. Philadelphia pays \$100,000 for the privilege of entertaining the body, and only beat Chicago for the honor by one vote.

England is getting some of our gold now, but is paying well for it. Why not just call it gold and be done with it? That's what the average goldbug does. It is folly to be shipping it across the seas.

Some one accused the English general, Buller, of boasting of what he would do with the Boers, but he replied by saying he had long since learned that it was "dangerous to prophesy unless one knew."

What makes Britain especially mad is that being unable to use the navy, its dogs of war, as it were, are fighting without barks.—Philadelphia Times.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18, 1899.

Mr. McKinley, the man who once blackguarded Mr. Cleveland for worshipping the golden calf and being the enemy of silver, completed the job of jamming the gold standard bill through the House, today. The programme was carried out according to the advance announcement, in every particular, except that there were fewer Democratic votes for the bill than had been claimed by the Republicans. The bill has now gone to the Senate, where Mr. McKinley can do no jamming, and where this particular bill will be allowed to slumber in Committee. But the Finance Committee will report as a substitute, a gold Standard Bill that is even more objectionable than the House bill. It is whispered in inside Republican circles that the party leaders would not be sorry if this session of Congress adjourn without final action on gold standard legislation, because it would be easier to raise a big campaign fund from the money kings, if the matter is left hanging, by promising to complete the job at next winter's session, than it will be if the bill goes on the statute book before the Presidential campaign.

Congress will adjourn on Wednesday until January 3rd. The Senate Committees have been re-arranged, under the Republican grab, and three new committees—on Pacific Islands and Porto Rico, on the Philippines, and on Cuba,—have been formed, and Mr. Henderson will announce the House Committees before adjournment.

The Roberts committee will this week hear witnesses that have been summoned from Utah and will then decide whether it will be necessary for the Committee to go to Utah to take further testimony. It is now certain that the Committee will not make its report until after the re-assembling of Congress, in January.

There was lots of behind the door political work done by the Committee which succeeded in getting Philadelphia chosen by the Republican National Committee, for next year's national Convention—June 19th. Before the Committee met, it seemed practically certain that Chicago would be chosen, and so it would have been had not the Philadelphians made a combination by which the Southern members of the committee were promised help to knock out the scheme to reduce the representation of the South in the National Convention, in return for votes for Philadelphia. The combination won at both ends. Philadelphia got the convention by one vote, and Committee man Payne abandoned the scheme to cut down the number of "nigger" delegates to the Convention, because of opposition to it.

Representative Sims, of Tenn., who is just beginning his second term in Congress, fired a number of questions at the Republican speakers, during the debate on the gold standard bill, in his efforts to gain information as to what the individual Republicans believed would be the result of the operation of the bill, if it became a law, and their reasons for supporting the bill. As a result of those questions and the answers, Mr. Sims expresses the opinion that very few Republicans voted for the bill, because they really favored it as a whole. He thinks they voted for it, simply because it was a party measure, and that the party unanimity should be a lesson to the Democrats to stand together upon all matters relating to party precepts.

The attempt of Nebraska Republicans to prevent the seating of Senator Allen, appointed by the Governor to succeed the late Senator-elect Hayward, on the ground that as Mr. Hayward, never qualified as Senator, his death caused no vacancy that could be legally filled by the governor, aroused nothing but amusement in Washington. There will be no opposition to the seating of Senator Allen, because there is nothing whatever upon which it could be based. The gold standard Republicans would like very much to find some way to keep such a stalwart friend of silver out of the Senate, until the long financial debate, which will begin as soon after the Christmas recess as the Finance Committee reports its gold standard bill, is over, but they know too much to butt their heads against brick walls. It is unnecessary to say that Senator Allen will be most cordially welcomed by the silver Senators who know his life fighting qualities from experience.

The Senate Committee on Elections is considering the Quay case, which is being presented by able counsel on both sides, ex-Senator Edmunds, heading the array against Quay, and the Attorney General of Pennsylvania appearing for him. Senator Penrose didn't appear as Counsel, and when he attempted to participate in the proceedings by asking one of the lawyers if he was not employed and paid by John Wanamaker, he was promptly called down by Senator Pettus, one of the Democratic members of the Committee, who said that the privilege of rudely interrupting counsel was one that should not be extended outside the Committee, even to a member of the Senate.

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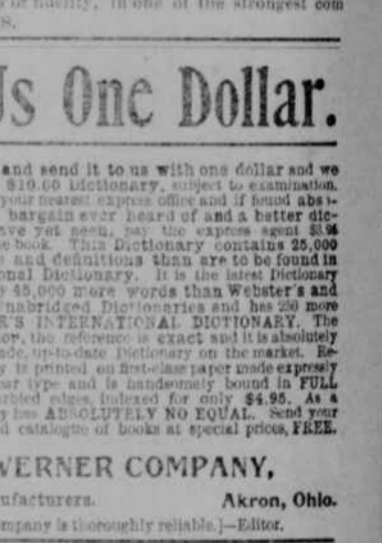
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