

# POLITICS OF THE DAY

## THE TWO PARTIES IN CONGRESS.

Hon. Mr. McMillan of Tennessee made an able argument against the bond issue policy of the Federal administration in the House of Representatives. He very aptly inquired of Hon. Mr. Dingley, the Republican leader and bond champion, why he wanted to borrow five hundred millions of money when Secretary Gage had just publicly asserted that he had two hundred and twenty millions already in the treasury? That calculation did not exhibit any danger of Government bankruptcy, and the immediate necessity for incurring further interest-bearing public debt did not exist if Mr. Gage's boastful statement were a truthful one. Mr. McMillan suspected that there was reference rather to increasing the national bank circulation than to the prosecution of the war against Spain.

The argument upon the bond bill in the House has been a partisan argument. The Democrats have given unhesitating and patriotic support to war measures, and have helped to fill up the ranks of the national forces and to make such appropriations for military and naval purposes as the executive departments called for. But they have steadily opposed concessions to Wall Street, and legislation enabling capital to take undue advantage of the Government's needs. They have remembered that they were themselves elected to their present positions charged and entrusted with the interests of the tax-paying people, and that to cast their influence in favor of the public creditors, as against those who had confided to them that agency, would be a breach of good faith. It has been left to the Republican majority of the House in this discussion to uphold the demands of the loan mongers, and to sustain the bankers' policy to the detriment of their own constituents.—New York News.

### Who Are Obstructionists?

Republican leaders are getting ready to raise the cry that Democrats are obstructionists. This, they believe, will furnish good campaign material for the political contest this fall, and they propose to put things in such a shape that they can find an excuse to use it.

With the demands of war upon the country the Republicans are preparing measures for the securing of revenue which contain propositions entirely contrary to Democratic doctrines and which must of necessity be opposed by the Democrats in Congress. If these measures are not opposed, then the Democrats will succeed in passing laws which, under ordinary circumstances, could not have been passed.

If, however, the Democrats refuse to be made the victims of this sort of trickery, then the Republicans will raise the cry that Democrats are "obstructionists," and will go before the country with this false issue. As a matter of fact, the Republicans are the obstructionists. They refuse to yield their partisanship to the demands of patriotism, and they propose to force issues which in all decency and fairness should be left until the more imminent demands of the war have been met.

It is far from being settled that a bond issue is an immediate necessity, yet the Republicans have taken it for granted that there is such a necessity and have proposed an issue of \$500,000,000 worth of bonds. All these matters will have to be discussed in Congress, and when the facts are laid before the people they will be able to decide who are the obstructionists.—Chicago Dispatch.

### Secretary of State Day.

Never since John L. Sullivan refused to be mayor of Boston in order that he might fill the more glorious office of heavy-weight champion of the world, has a more important political change taken place than that in the State Department. It is one of the very contemplations of which brings the moisture of virtuous perspiration to the neck of modesty. Think of it! John Sherman, whose glorious predecessors in the State Department were such intellectual and patriotic giants as Jefferson, Madison, Webster, Marcy and Silas Wright, is succeeded by Judge Day. Let us swathe ourselves in Canton flannel and reflect.—Washington Times.

### Factions in the Ohio G. O. P.

Now that the North and South are united and party lines in Congress obliterated, it is time for the two or three Republican parties in Ohio to get together. In other words, it is unfortunate that a season of almost universal harmony should be disturbed by the bickerings and dickerings of rival factions of Buckeye Republicans in or out of the Senate.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

### Trouble for McKinley's Friend.

The Ohio Senate has accepted the report of the committee charging that the election of Mark A. Hanna to the United States Senate was obtained by bribery. Now the United States Senate will be compelled to take cognizance of the subject, and it would seem to be in the interest of Senator Hanna, as much as in that of his opponents, that the full facts in the contest should be submitted to the public.—Boston Herald.

### Debt and Taxes.

President McKinley and his bank president Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Gage, and their followers in Congress, are determined upon an old-fashioned Wall-street-begotten government bond, to be subscribed for and taken

up by money lenders, and to be made a basis for additional national bank issues, to the profit of the Shylocks. They even make a parade of sacrificing their darling goldbug scheme of a gold bond issue, and will accept the "coin" payment, if by that means they can only get a government bond that will help them to put out and circulate more bank paper.

The Democrats in Congress are in a minority, although in the Senate they are strong enough, when re-enforced by the Populists and the Silver Republicans, to make a good fight. It is probable that they will do their utmost to save the country from any more government bonds. They will propose income taxation, greenback issues, increase of internal revenue duties, post-office savings banks, coinage of silver dollars—anything and everything, except the handing over of the government of the United States to the plutocrats of Wall Street. We cannot doubt that the Democrats of the Senate and House of Representatives will do everything in their power to save our people from that voracious money power which has played so prominent a part in this Cuban business and appears resolved to speculate in our people's patriotism still further.

### Woodford's Record as a Diplomat.

General Woodford has twice allowed himself to be outwitted in the game of diplomacy. Instructed to demand the recall of Dupuy, he permitted the Spanish cabinet to accept the minister's resignation before acting, and, given the President's ultimatum, he permitted himself to be surprised with his passports. When it is remembered, in addition to this, that he was firmly convinced that he could talk the Spanish into peace, one is bound to acknowledge that General Woodford is not a success in the diplomatic field.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

### An Ohio Prediction.

All there is of the Republican party in Ohio to-day is what Governor Bushnell and his wing of it represent. But for him the whole party would have submitted to the corrupt dictation of the most unprincipled man who has ever risen to distinction in our country. Governor Bushnell will leave his office with the good will of all the people, while Mark Hanna will in all probability leave his in disgrace.—Columbus Press-Post.

### A "Popular Loan."

After conferring with a politic convocation of New York bankers, the Hon. Lyman J. Gage announces that the bonds issued will be a "popular loan." The inference is that the bankers are the people—a conclusion natural enough considering Mr. Gage's tastes and affiliations. "Resolved, That the saints shall inherit the earth," ran the declaration of a certain historic gathering. "Resolved further, That we are the saints."

### Tired of Republican Profligacy.

The people of Pennsylvania would be glad to welcome a thoroughly able honest and trustworthy Democratic party and everything to-day points to more than willingness on their part to intrust such a Democracy with the control of the State as a refuge from a discordant, demoralized and profligate Republicanism.—Philadelphia Times.

### Confident Missouri Democrats.

Governor Stevens predicts a plurality of 75,000 for the Democratic ticket in Missouri next November. This is a big figure, but it takes big figures to represent the rational expectations of the Missouri Democracy, based upon past achievements and present conditions.—St. Louis Republic.

### When Reed Rule Will Be Broken.

It may be that the House of Representatives will break away from Tom Reed. In fact, it is almost certain, because Mr. Reed cannot live forever.—Peoria Herald.

### Political Notes.

Wasn't it Mark Hanna who said "There will be no war?" John Sherman is not being bored by the interviewers.—Washington Post.

One reason why General Lee looks so tall is that he is standing in a rather squatty crowd.—Detroit News.

General Grosvenor practically concedes that this has been a hard spring on doves and olive branches.—Washington Post.

Among its other war appropriations Congress may as well provide for another wing on the pension office.—San Francisco Chronicle.

It is suggested that if Mark Hanna will enlist in the war and sent a substitute to the Senate, all will be forgiven. Amen!

While we have a Democratic Senate and a godly number of House members, the money power will not be permitted to dishonor this nation through the Republican administration.—National Democrat.

The Mark Hanna methods inflict more injury on the republic than the Weyer methods. The latter can be met and blasted. The former are insidious, corrupting and perilous to the country's welfare.—Pittsburg Post.

The sale of postoffice appointments in this State in which some Congressmen have been concerned has become an open scandal. It is another of those political methods so well calculated to injure the party and subject it to defeat.—Philadelphia Press.

## WHO THE CARLISTS ARE.

How They Base Their Present Claims to the Spanish Throne.

The talk of Carlist risings in Spain, and particularly the rumor that the person known as Don Jaime de Bourbon proposes to put himself at the head of the Carlist party, may incite a curiosity in some to know who the Carlists are and what they stand for in Spain. Ferdinand V., who came to the throne of Spain after the earth had settled from the Napoleonic earthquake, married, for his fourth wife, Maria Christina, daughter of the King of Naples, a sister of the Duchess de Berri and niece of Queen Marie Amelie, wife of King Louis Philippe of France. Ferdinand, always a miserable creature, like most Spanish monarchs, became more miserable after his fourth marriage. He fell completely under the domination of his handsome, energetic, ambitious and thoroughly unprincipled wife, says the Kansas City Star.

Queen Maria Christina was determined that the crown of Spain should descend to her family. But governing the descent was the decree of Philip V., which had been law in Spain for 120 years and which declared that no woman could reign in Spain while there lived a male descendant of Philip IV. In default of male heirs from the marriage of Ferdinand V. and Maria Christina, the lawful successor under the decree of Philip V. was Don Carlos, Ferdinand's brother. As it turned out, the first child born to this couple was a girl, Isabella, who fourteen months later, was followed by a sister. Even before the birth of Isabella, the Queen Maria Christina began a movement for the setting aside of the law of Philip V. Ferdinand, for a considerable period resisted, but yielded at last, and on April 6, 1830, ordered that an incomplete decree by Charles IV., in 1789, which appeared to repeal the Salic law, should be published and made perpetual. All the Bourbons protested, and the King endeavored to undo his action by what was called a "decree of derogation," but on his deathbed he declared that his act was the result of misrepresentation and was, therefore, null and void. This restored his act intended to make his daughter Isabella his heir. When Ferdinand died Marie Christina was reigning as queen regent and the little girl Isabella was the heir apparent, just as the Marie Christina reigns in the name of the little boy known as Alfonso XIII. The brother of Ferdinand, usually

Russian maids of honor have to obtain a diploma for cooking! Such is, however, the case. In some imperial menages, too, the maid of honor has to compose the every-day dinner menu. And in all this training there underlies the teaching that an empress or grand duchess of Russia is a personage of divine vocation. Having passed through all this ordeal the would-be maid of honor, at the age of 16 or 17, is presented to the Empress, and if finding favor in the imperial eyes, is appointed a demoiselle d'honneur, passing subsequently through the various grades mentioned. From this body of maidens, too, the various grand duchesses, with the Czarina's approval, also make their selections.

## ODDITIES OF A WEALTHY MAN.

Queer Things Which Marked the Life of George H. Hopper.

George H. Hopper, who died on his Elmwood estate, near Cleveland, Ohio, began life as a tinner, and made himself immensely rich through a contract for furnishing tin cans to the Standard Oil Company. About ten years ago Mr. Hopper purchased Elmwood farm, near Cleveland, and started in to lead the life of a gentleman farmer. Many amusing stories are told of him in this connection. He decided to turn it into a stock farm. The first thing he did was to purchase Bell Boy, a stallion, for \$51,000. Six months later Bell Boy and the stables were burned. Mr. Hopper became disgusted with the idea of raising stock and gave it up.

He was seized with the idea at one time that it was the proper thing for a gentleman of elegant leisure to own a yacht. He had one built, and christened it Florence, in honor of his eldest daughter. When the yacht was completed it was found to be too big to enter the creek at the farm, and, there being no natural harbor at the place, it had to be kept at Ashtabula, twelve miles distant. Hopper hated the yacht from the day it was built. It was launched without ballast, and as it struck the water a big wave hit it, and it capsized and went to the bottom, with the crew on board. The yacht was raised, but Hopper never again put his foot upon it.

Hopper's whole career as a farmer was an amusing failure. He owned a beautiful orchard of peach trees, and a friend one day remarked that he would come down in the peach season and pocket a few.

"Do," said Hopper, "do," grasping

## FORTUNES BY ACCIDENT.

How a Captain Made a Million by Carrying One Passenger.

If there is anything that makes a poor, toiling man happy it is to read about fukes that have made fortunes. For instance, there was a captain of a vessel plying between English and Australian points who made a lucky strike when convicts were taken to New South Wales.

A "time-expired" man came to the mariner and begged to be taken home. The former convict had no money, but he would gladly give his plot of land for transportation.

The captain accepted the terms, and great is the joy of his descendants, for that plot is now occupied by a wharf and it is valued at \$1,125,000.

A Limerick tobaccoist believed himself to be ruined by a fire that destroyed his shop. The next day he found tins of snuff that had been in the fire. Curiosity prompted him to open the canisters. He found that the action of the flames had materially improved the aroma and pungency of the snuff. The discovery made him very rich.

The discovery of the Mount Shasta mine was purely a fluke, and its output of gold is the greatest of any mine in the world except in the Klondike district.

A bank clerk in London heard that there was a rich deposit of gold at a certain place at the Cape of Good Hope. He set about forming a provisional syndicate among his fellow-clerks, and they raised about \$1,500 among themselves. A mining engineer was sent out. He made a thorough investigation, but found no gold. He had decided to give up the search and was ready to leave for home, when he ran across a miner.

"Well, stranger," he said, "I guess you are on a hunt for the shiny. 'Taint here 'ers boss."

"Have you a claim here?" asked the engineer.

"Yes; and I want to make tracks up the country. That's my claim over by that camel's hump. You can have it for \$100, and here's a sample of the quartz. That claim ain't worth its weight in gold, but it's worth every dollar I ask for it."

The engineer examined the specimen and decided that there was gold in it. He acted quickly.

"I'll tell you what I'll do, mate," he said; "I'll give you \$80 on the risk of losing it."

The bargain was struck and the claim carefully explored. An abundance of gold was found in the most unlikely veins. To-day the shares, the face value of which is \$100, are worth \$500,000 each.

### In a Turkish Harem.

Mrs. Max Muller, in her "Letters from Constantinople," tells of her visits to the harems of the great ladies and pays her respects to the wife of one of the ministers:

"She was small and nice-looking, with brilliant eyes. She told me that she drove out once, at the utmost twice, in the year in a shut carriage, the only time she passed outside of these terrible walls. She was fond of her garden and her pets, cats and birds, but she had no children, and, I was told, lived in constant dread that her husband would in consequence divorce her, for very few Turks now have two wives.

"Her idea of European life was founded on French novels, which she read incessantly, and she said to me: 'Well, we are happier than you, for our husbands may fancy one of our slaves whom we know, but your husbands go about with French actresses whom you don't know.' Sweetmeats were brought in by slaves and then cigarettes, but I had to confess my ignorance of smoking, and lastly the delicious Turkey coffee in golden cup stands. The minister's wife is a good musician and her sister-in-law draws and paints, taught by the minister, who is quite a good artist, but, in spite of music and painting and French novels and lovely gardens, I had a sad feeling that she was like a bird beating her wings against her golden cage. She had read too much to be content."

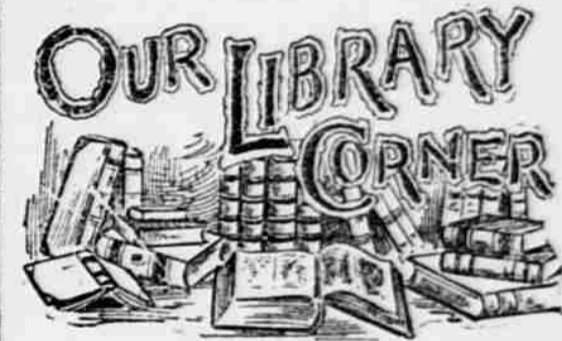
### Yet Another.

There is said to be in preparation for the Paris exposition a novelty called the mareorama, which will give visitors the illusion of a voyage by steamer from Marseilles to Constantinople, with calls at Tangier, Algiers, Naples, Venice, Alexandria and Smyrna. They will be standing on the steamer, which will appear to be in the sea, even to the rolling of the vessel and the salt breezes. The unrolling of the canvases will make them think the ship is moving, the principle being the same as that which makes railway passengers in a standing train think they are in motion when another train passes. The voyage of the steamer will be diversified by various scenes such as meeting a fleet of warships, a tempest, with thunder and lightning; a sunrise, etc., besides other curious incidents. At Naples, for instance, natives will climb on board and perform the dances of the country.—London Mail.

### Lion Hunting in South Africa.

"I was coming round the base of a little rocky hill when I heard, as I thought, some pigs grunting upon a little 'bench' jutting out from this hill. I cocked the old gun, slapped Bess to keep her quiet, and climbed up on to this bench, expecting to see a big old boar, and all ready to take a snap shot if he ran. When I got up there I could see nothing, so I stepped up on a boulder and there lay a lioness and three cubs playing. She was boxing one's ears. Her mouth was open, and the cub appeared to be trying to get into it. I am sure her mouth looked big enough. She was facing me with her head up when I first saw her, but just as I covered her she dropped it and gave me a good square shot at her head. Being at very close range, I gave

her a center shot with a hollow bullet. She never got on her feet. She uttered one snarl, and after partially rising, rolled over without even kicking. Next morning John Ingram and I started back with four blacks. We got there before sunrise, and found everything O. K. I saw by the spoor that the cubs were still with her. After skinning her we went up the kopje and found two of the cubs. Then the fun began. The first one we ran out was a male, and a scrapper, and by the way he roared and switched his tail you would have thought he was papa. We ran him down the kopje and across a little flat about 100 yards, and about 100 yards up another kopje. Bess grabbed him again by the ear, and they both rolled clear to the bottom, the pup (Gwanda) trying to get hold, the niggers yelling, and the little lion roaring for all he was worth. We tore off our shirts and coats, and threw them over the lion, and finally, by getting on top of him, succeeded in tying his legs. We then took him back to the old one and tied him. We afterward went up in the kopje and caught a cub lioness. She had taken a stand in a crevice of rock, and the dogs could not tackle her. With a short lasso and a forked stick we got her out. The cubs are beauties, and just the right age."—St. James Gazette.



L. Z. Letter has rendered the citizens of Chicago a good service by his generous aid to Rufus Blanchard in reprinting his "History of Chicago," published twenty years ago. A second volume will be added to it, bringing the records down to the present time.

The handbook of the American Economic Association for 1898 contains, besides proceedings of the tenth annual meeting, abstracts of papers and discussions relating to reforms of the currency, relation of economic history to political history, rate-making and taxation, and municipal and private distribution of water, gas, and electricity.

The London Speaker calls for a new fashion in titles of novels. "The present generation," it says, "has outlived the quotation epidemic, which started, I believe, with 'It is Never Too Late to Mend, Put Yourself in His Place, Love Me Little, Love Me Long, and other monstrosities of Charles Reade, and stalked unchecked through the seventies and early eighties with 'Comin', Thro' the Rye, The Wooing O't' (why not Ha! Ha! the Wooing O't?), Red as a Rose Is She, As He Came Up the Stair, and the like. A recognizable variant took the form of polite interrogation—'What Will He Do With It? Can We Forgive Her? Ought We to Visit Her?' A little while ago we were well-termed amid conjunctions of abstract nouns and proper names—The Reputation of George Saxon, The Awakening of Mary Fenwick, The Silence of Dean Maitland, The Indiscretion of the Duchess, The Redemption of Stella Marberley, The Damnation of Theron Ware. Ian Maclaren tried a retaliation on Charles Reade with his Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush and In the Days of Auld Lang Syne; but, fascinated perhaps by John Oliver Hobbes' The Gods, Some Mortals, and Lord Wickenham, has degenerated in his latest novel to Kate Carnegie and Those Ministers (the two titles, by-the-way, might be run together with very pretty effect): Who can tell? But for an accident of fashion we might be knowing Hamlet to-day as A Ghost, Some Mortals and the Prince; Timon of Athens as Ought We to Call on Him? and Paradise Regained as The Sorrows of Satan.

### How Lord Salisbury Speaks.

Lord Salisbury speaks best when he rests his elbow on something. In the House of Lords he usually finds the support he needs in two or three books placed one above the other. Somebody, one day removed one of these (it was some book of reference), and Lord Salisbury missed it immediately. His eloquence was checked, he floundered in his speech, and did not resume it until the book was returned. On another occasion at his own house, where there was a political meeting, he began to speak rather lamely, and after considerable hesitation he walked across his drawing-room to where there was a rather high fire-screen. He got inside this, with his back to the fire, and facing his audience with his elbow on the screen, proceeded to make a most eloquent harangue.

### The Energetic Czar.

The Czar of Russia is a very energetic monarch, for he goes out every morning directly it gets light, and runs a verst—about three-fifths of an English mile—in order to keep himself in good form. He carries his watch in his hand all the time, in order to see that there is no falling off in the matter of speed day after day. Like his Danish relatives, the Czar is a very keen cyclist, and he might almost make his living as a trick rider if the Nihilists by any chance drove him out of his empire. He is fond of shooting while on the wheel, and can bring down a bird when going at a good speed.

### Convenient Handle.

The original idea of the Chinaman's pigtail was that it formed a convenient handle by which, one day, he would be lifted up to paradise. The curious belief is still to be found among the natives.

Every dog has his day, but the clubman has his nights.



DON CARLOS AND HIS WIFE.

known as Don Carlos, but who indulged in the name and title at home of Carlos Maria Isidor de Borbon-y-Borbon, infant of Spain, entered his protest before the death of Ferdinand against all the proceedings setting aside the Salic law admitting the female line, and declared himself the lawful heir-apparent to the throne of Spain. Immediately on the death of Ferdinand the northern provinces of Spain arose and declared for King Charles, as he was styled, and these people were called Carlists, a name which continues to exist. Those who adhered to the existing government, the government of the queen regent, were popularly called Christians.

The cause of Don Carlos, dear to the Spanish heart as standing for bigotry and despotism, seemed at one time likely to triumph, but was betrayed by one of its generals, Morotto. Don Carlos fled from Spain, and in 1844 abdicated in favor of his son, the second Don Carlos. Cabrera invaded Spain in 1849, but he neglected his former practice of murdering and mutilating his prisoners, and his efforts were not supported with the former enthusiasm.

The second Don Carlos attempted to enter Spain in 1848 and again in 1860, when he was arrested and signed a renunciation of his claims to the Spanish throne. The present pretender is a third Don Carlos, grandson of the first, a son of Don Juan. He has made several attempts to overthrow the government of Spain; the most formidable beginning in 1873 and lasting until 1876. The Don Jaime, who is described as desirous of mixing in Spanish affairs as head of the Carlists, is the son of the third Don Carlos.

It is a noticeable fact in Spanish history that no real cause ever permanently departs from Spain. One of the permanent afflictions of Spain is what may be termed Carlism. In no other country is such a party as the Carlists possible. It is a party willing to shed its blood for a government of the worst type of the fourteenth century. There have been many Carlist risings, and they are perpetually expected.

### Maid of Honor's Duties.

Those who think that the life of a lady about a court is necessarily that of a butterfly may be surprised to learn that cleverness with the needle is an adjunct demanded of the maids of honor at the court of Russia, to be of use in cases of emergency when in attendance on the Czarina. That they have also to read well aloud and to stand for any length of time goes without saying, but it would hardly be believed that in order to pass into the imperial presence

him by the hand warmly, "but let us know when you are coming, so we can get some peaches from Geneva."

Hoper was of a nervous, restless disposition, and had lived such a busy life that it was agony for him to be idle. Therefore he employed men to build a stone wall around his park, not that the wall was at all necessary, but that it gave him something to superintend.

### Honolulu Delicacies.

The things to eat in Honolulu depend on who and what you are. A civilized being can have a conventional menu, from oysters on the half shell—brought from Baltimore—to Neapolitan ice cream and Nesselrode pudding. For the Kanaka there is abundant polyposter's paste five days old. Dried and smoked squid, cooked seaweed, raw mullet, pol dog roasted in tea leaves, and an atrocious drink made by the fermentation of a certain root after it has been chewed by native women, comprise the real delicacies of the Hawaiian cuisine. For the Japanese and their cousins of the Flowery Kingdom, the island supplies rice and shark's fins. Tons of home products for the Oriental table arrive on every steamer from Yokohama and Hong Kong. From all this provender, native and foreign, domestic and imported, the civilized kitchens of the city are able to make a discriminating choice which gives the bills-of-fare at some Honolulu entertainments a peculiar piquancy.

### Made in Paris.

In view of the exhibition of 1900 a wonderful fan is now being made in Paris. It is to be composed of leaves of ivory, all of which are to be painted by the most celebrated modern artists. Gerome, Cazin, Carolus-Duran, Jules Breton and Jules Lefevre are contributing already. The round center is to be signed by Maurice Leloir. This extremely novel idea is being elaborated for America.

### Gold in South Africa.

South African gold mining companies last year took out \$55,472,000 in gold, of which 90 per cent. was obtained in the Witwatersrand district. The greater part of this amount was produced by a few companies which paid enormous dividends, ranging from 10 to 50 per cent., and in two instances 100 per cent., of the capital.

There is always room at the bottom of the early strawberry box.

The secret a woman is compelled to keep is untold agony.