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A Waning Cause.

Notwithstanding the persistent assertion of Mr. Bryan that the free silver cause is as strong today as it was in the last national campaign, there is plenty of evidence that it is waning. It is impossible that it should be otherwise under conditions which demonstrate unmistakably the utter fallacy of the free silver contention. As Mr. J. N. Stevens, formerly vice chairman of the executive committee of the national silver party, says, "Natural causes have met the requirements prophesied as a result of free silver in the enormous output of gold for the last five years, giving us a greater volume of gold money than we ever had of both gold and silver money combined." Representative Sibley of Pennsylvania, a most ardent advocate of free silver four years ago, points to the prosperity of the country under the gold standard as conclusive against silver. Senator Wolcott of Colorado said in a speech in the senate ten days ago that those prosperous times are unpropitious for those who cherish a belief in bimetalism and he declared that the prosperity is real and universal.

These are the admissions of men who have been conspicuous and earnest in advocacy of free silver, but who are capable of seeing and yielding to the logic of facts. There are hundreds of thousands of others who will attest their abandonment of free silver and their desire for a continuance of prosperity when they shall cast their vote.

EDUCATING CUBANS.

The offer of President Eliot of Harvard university to provide for the attendance, free of charge, at the summer school of that institution of a large number of Cuban teachers, is a practical effort to advance education in Cuba which cannot fail to have beneficial results. It is stated that the offer has been received by the teachers with enthusiasm and they will doubtless be given free transportation to the United States, Governor General Wood having announced his intention to secure this for them. Very likely the Navy department will be disposed to furnish the transportation, if it has the authority to do so, and if not it can undoubtedly be obtained from congress.

The Cubans are eager for education. One of the first things they looked for when the Americans took possession of the island was the establishment of public schools and good progress has been made in meeting this demand. In ninety-seven out of 141 municipalities from which reports have been received there have been enrolled 150,000 pupils, so that the total enrollment is probably not less than 200,000. The number of school rooms opened is 3,000 and everything practicable is being done to extend public instruction. The Americans found the educational situation in Cuba most unpromising. There was public instruction under Spanish rule, but it was carried on for the benefit of the teachers rather than the pupils. That has been reformed and the public schools of Cuba are being gradually built up to the American standard.

The United States has no greater duty to perform for the Cuban people, except that of giving them independence, than to promote their education, for upon this to a very large extent depends the future of the island. The visit to the United States and the instruction here, even for a brief period, of a thousand Cuban teachers will undoubtedly be of great benefit to the cause of education in the island.

WAIT FOR THE COMMISSION.

A commission authorized by the last congress and appointed by the president is engaged in investigating routes for an isthmian canal. It was the general understanding when this commission was authorized that there would be no legislation in regard to an isthmian canal until the work of the commission had been completed and a report thereon submitted for the information and guidance of congress. Now, however, the supporters of the Nicaraguan canal project are pressing for action upon the bill reported from the house committee on commerce, the chairman of that committee, Mr. Hepburn of Iowa, being especially persistent in his efforts to secure the early consideration of that measure.

The supporters of the Nicaraguan route have a majority, there is no doubt, in both the house and senate and if it is their purpose to legislate in advance of the commission's report they should at first ask the president to recall the commission and thus save further expense. It is a sheer waste of public money to keep that body of engineers in Central America if their investigation of canal routes is to amount to nothing. What is the meaning of the haste of the commission's report they should at first ask the president to recall the commission and thus save further expense. It is a sheer waste of public money to keep that body of engineers in Central America if their investigation of canal routes is to amount to nothing. What is the meaning of the haste of the commission's report they should at first ask the president to recall the commission and thus save further expense. 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