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The bill admitting Utah to statehood passed the house last week.

QUEENS will probably be considered hoodoos in all future games of the administration.

GENERAL Master Workman Sovereign, of the Knights of Labor, talks very much like a populist platform.

DEMOCRATIC congressmen do not consider protection unconstitutional when it is given to their pet constituents.

SENATOR MORGAN, of Alabama, shows a disposition to turn a back somersault that will land him in reach of the pie shelf.

EIGHT months of Caesarism have done their work. Mr. Cleveland has wrecked his party.—San Francisco Examiner, (Dem.)

A MAN who in these stirring times changes his politics from democratic to republican has at least the satisfaction of appearing consistent.

HAD Miplster Willis been Mr. Cleveland's commissioner paramount to Hawaii, the administration would probably not be in its present humiliating position.

CHAIRMAN WILSON should allow Mr. Cleveland to dictate his letters for him, as he did the tariff bill, or, he should quit answering complaints. His explanations do not explain.

THE dusky ex-queen is now in a position to fully understand and appreciate the meaning of that "iridescent dream" of a return to royalty under Uncle Sam's protection.

REPRESENTATIVE HAINER, of New York, says: "I will vote against the tariff bill if I am the only democrat in the house who does; it hits a blow at every industry in my district."

IT is not strange that southern democrats in congress should seek to put the southerners who were disloyal to the government upon the same legal footing as those who were loyal; they were mostly disloyal themselves.

MR. CLEVELAND carried Texas by 100,000 majority, but eminent residents of that state say that he could not carry it again by one majority. In fact, it is doubtful whether Mr. Cleveland could to-day carry three states in the Union, so unpopular has he made himself in a little over nine months.

GEN. BASIL DUKE, of Kentucky, said lately that the people of the south were learning that they cannot afford to let politics interfere with their business. If reports of how the southern senators and representatives stand on the Cleveland tariff bill can be relied upon, they are learning almighty slow.

WHEN the Independent said "Monkey" King had attacked Kautzman's "Masonic standing," an audible smile spread itself over the face of the fraternity in O'Neill. It is generally conceded to be an impossibility to attack a man's "Masonic standing" when the aforesaid man has no "standing," Masonic or otherwise.

CHAIRMAN HATCH, of house committee on agriculture, is outspoken in his opposition to Mr. Cleveland's recommendation for the abolishment of the experimental farms and the distribution of seeds. There may be democrats in congress who approve of every recommendation made in the president's message, but none of them have publicly said as much.

LET the democrats in congress be honest in their treatment of the tariff, if such a thing is possible. Let those of them who are striving to secure protection for some special industry either come out squarely in favor of letting the tariff alone, or in favor of absolute free trade. If protection is right for one industry it is right for all. If wrong, vice versa.

VERY things are changing in the old dominion. The name of Lee no longer carries certain success with it, even when backed by the good wishes, if not the open support of Cleveland. It is not surprising that the people who believed the name of Lee to be unconquerable should be dazed, nor that they should charge the corrupt use of money by the friends of Senator-elect Martin.

TOWNSHIP organization is becoming unpopular in the counties where that system is in operation. Gage county is preparing to submit petitions to the next meeting of the legislature asking repeal of the system and to enact laws similar to those in force in Illinois. It is evident that something should be done in Holt county to lessen the burdens of the people.—Chambers Bugle.

No one outside of those directly benefited by tenure of office will contend that the township organization has a single redeeming feature. It seems to us that in the face of the fact that the system has cost Holt county over \$50,000 a year more than that of the commissioner, that the tax payers would soon bestir themselves and adopt a less expensive form of government. Seven commissioners could do the work nicely.

MR. JOHNSON, late of the civil service commission, knows more about the nature of minority reports than he did; but the knowledge cost him \$5,000 a year.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ADAMS, of the G. A. R., thinks Mr. Cleveland was "talking through his hat" when he said in his message, that thousands of neighborhoods have their well known fraudulent pensioners, and he orders the G. A. R. to prove the falsity of the charge by reporting every known fraudulent case. That is the proper way to reply to the uncalculated slander.

JOHN McCAFFERTY has again taken up his pen and written an able article on irrigation which appears elsewhere in this issue. John is one of those peculiar beings who write only when the spirit moves, and that averages about twice a year, but when he does court the prose muse an interesting production is always the result. The article is worth the price of admission, and no one will consider the time wasted that it takes to wade through it.

COLORADO's governor causes considerable amusement for the people of his own state as well as the country at large. This is the way one of his home papers speaks of him: "It is a tight race between Lewelling and Waite. First Lewelling got ahead, but Waite distanced him with the 'blood to the brides' speech, and the 'constitutional argument' for state coinage of silver. But Lewelling by proving that he was once a tramp, and ordering the non-enforcement of the law against vagrancy, has come to the front once more. We have faith, however, that Waite will yet prove himself equal to the occasion, and eventually win the lunatic race."

THERE is a great rejoicing in Canada over the proposed reduction of 15 cents per bushel in the duty upon potatoes, and the same enthusiasm exists in Germany and the United Kingdom. This does not only mean that farmers will receive 15 cents per bushel less for potatoes grown in this country, but it will probably be a much greater difference, because the potatoes grown in our coast states, which have hitherto supplied the seaboard market, and those grown along the Canadian border, which have supplied our northern markets, will be forced further west and south, in competition with potatoes grown in other large potato growing sections of the country. Then the dealers will have things their own way and will force prices down to any point they please, probably one-half of what they have been recently paying.

THE following interview was published last week in the Dawes County Journal, and although no names are mentioned we have good reasons for believing that it came from Az Perry, late chairman of the Boyd county democratic central committee. It seems that Az has been talking to some one and in the course of his remarks said:

You will remember what my politics are, or rather, what they were. Not long ago I was a democrat. Well, I went to the world's fair. While there I visited the manufacturers' building, and as I looked upon the almost endless evidences of this nation's growth and prosperity, I felt proud that I am an American citizen. As I looked around me at all this, the thought came to me, what has the democratic party had to do with all this? Then I remembered that for the past thirty years this nation has been under a republican administration and that this marvelous prosperity, the evidences of which surrounded me, had all come about under a republican administration. Now we have had only a few months of democratic rule, and we have had nothing but commercial ruin and financial distress. When I compared the results of the thirty years of republican rule with those of the present democratic administration, my patriotism and pride in America's magnificent prosperity brought me to my senses, and I want to tell you that from now on I am a republican, first, last and all the time.

"The prompt passage by the house of representatives of the bill admitting Utah to statehood was somewhat of a surprise to many of the readers of the dispatches who were not familiar with the conditions precedent to the taking up of the bill," says the Lincoln Journal. "It had been anticipated that there would be vigorous opposition in the house to the measure and that most of that opposition would come from the republican side. On the contrary, apart from a speech by Representative Morse, of Massachusetts, the chief opposition to the bill was made by Representative Harter, of Ohio, who opposed it on the ground that it would give two additional western senators and one additional western representative from a state with only 240,000 population. Every one conceded that the restrictive and repressive legislation of the last ten years had wiped out polygamy from Utah; that the church has taken its hands off from politics, and that in population, industry, thrift and taxable wealth the territory was in all respects fitted to enter the sisterhood of states. It is interesting to note that at the late election in Utah the republicans elected a majority of the legislature. This is not surprising when it is considered that the original immigration of Mormons to the territory was composed very largely of old line whigs. Brigham Young and his apostles taught protection to home industry to their people as it has never been taught elsewhere. For years Utah was more nearly self-supporting than any state in the union. The active part taken by the republican party in the suppression of polygamy undoubtedly for a long time antagonized the leaders of the church against that organization. But with the influx of the gentile element, with the great development, mining and industrial, in the territory, with the daily discussion of national problems through the press, and with the appreciation which finally came that the abandonment of a custom that the entire rising generation opposed was a necessity, the way was clear for a division on party lines, and the old time leaders flocked once more to the party of protection and with them came the most progressive of the younger element."

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