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It is said that in 1890 dresses with big sleeves were as fashionable as they are today.

"Birds of a kind," etc. New Foundland has a big treasury deficit and a desire to enter the United States.

COL. WARING, of New York, will, if he has the correct idea of the fitness of things, hereafter spell his name with two r's.

So long as plots against the Hawaiian government are confined to the United States the island republic has nothing to fear.

The Illinois democrats are nearly united on the silver question, but it is for free coinage and not for Cleveland and gold.

MR. CLEVELAND would doubtless favor abolishing presidential elections and putting the presidency under civil service rules.

WHILE John Bull was using the Monroe doctrine as a foot mat, Mr. Cleveland was—marshalling his cabinet to have their photos taken.

EX-SPEAKER CRISP successfully straddled the silver question during the last congress, and now he is trying the same act for the benefit of his Georgia constituents.

If the claimants now trying to establish a legal title to the bottom of the Potomac river succeed, McGinty's heirs should lose no time in claiming the bottom of the sea.

WHEN the south gives the same welcome to New England's freedom of opinion and action that it does to New England capital it will begin to move forward at an accelerated pace.

It will be entirely fitting to call Chicago's new democratic daily the Enquirer, as the most of the time of its managers is likely to be spent enquiring who is going to furnish money to pay the bills.

CAN't somebody prevail upon Col. Henry Watterson to postpone his two-year tour to Europe until after the presidential campaign. The colonel's peculiar style of campaign sky-rockets make too interesting a feature to be left out, and no one else can manufacture them.

THERE is no significance attached to the adoption of a resolution favoring placing the government printing office under the civil service rules, by Columbia typographical union, of Washington. Seven-tenths of the members of that union are employees of that office, who have not the slightest objection to a life-time cinch on their jobs.

VENICE has opened an international art exhibition. Extraordinary means have been taken to draw visitors. The government printed 1,000,000 post cards each of which had an advertisement of the exhibition printed on it. The railroads are offering special facilities in issuing reduced rates from all parts to Venice, and the citizens of Venice have subscribed \$10,000 to be expended in music, illuminations, regattas, and a revival of the old sports and shows of Venice.

THE populist papers up the road are not so all-fired badly struck on Governor Holcomb as they were last fall, as is evidenced by the following from the Rushville Standard: "The Standard wishes to extend congratulations to Bro. Sheldon, of the Chadron Signal, for the manly criticism and condemnation he offers the action of Governor Holcomb in ignoring completely the populist party of Northwest Nebraska, and appointing a democrat as deputy oil inspector. Mr. Sheldon was himself a candidate for the position, and it was, therefore a rather delicate question for him to speak of, but whatever personal feeling he might have had in the matter nothing of it appeared in the Signal's criticism of the governor's action. We believe this to be the proper course for reform newspapers to take. Our experience in the newspaper profession for the past twenty years has taught us that party newspapers too often withhold honest criticism of the official acts of public servants. They are too apt to wait until they have some personal grievance, and then 'pounce upon' the official and treat him unjustly and unfairly. It seems to us that in this appointment a great crime has been committed upon the populist party. We have no personal fight to make upon James C. Dahlman, but when we asked for a sword to assist in the battle, the powers that be turned their back upon us and placed the sharp steel into the hands of our enemy. No party can succeed and practice this kind of tactics. We must have brave, fearless and uncompromising men in the lead or we can but fail. We had great confidence in Governor Holcomb. He has proven himself equal to emergencies in each and every case up to this act, but this shows an inexcusable weakness in him, if he is personally responsible for the appointment."

On last Thursday there was granted to old soldiers in Nebraska nineteen new pensions; and to old soldiers who were never able to secure a pension under republican administration. There are every day from one to twenty new pensions granted in this state now, and by the democrats.—Cherry County Independent.

The above is not true, but is hardly worth a denial. The present commissioner of pensions has put in nearly all of his time reviewing the work of his predecessor and cutting down pensions allowed by him. Ninety per cent. of these "new" pensions are nothing but old ones reduced.

OUR expose of Treasurer Mullen's method of depositing county funds drew a three-column article in defense from the last issue of the Beacon Light. It attempts to justify the treasurer by pleading republican precedent. This will not be satisfactory to the people. The populists were elected upon a platform declaring for reform, and it makes no difference to the tax payers what Scott or Hayes did, only so far as they may use their administrations to compare the policy of the pops. Our figures published in regard to this matter were absolutely correct and an inspection of the records will satisfy any one who may doubt them.

THE TREASURY DEFICIT.

The prediction of Senator Gorman, uttered on the floor of the senate last winter, is coming true. He warned his party associates that unless something, and something radical, were done to increase the revenues of the government a great deficit was inevitable. Secretary Carlisle talked, on the contrary, of a surplus. It will be seen from our Washington special of today that during the eight months the present general revenue law has been in operation the receipts have fallen, in round numbers, \$48,000,000 below the outlays and there is no promise of any satisfactory improvement. This is at the rate of fully \$5,000,000 a month.

What is to be done? Senator Daniel, of Virginia, wants the republican congress convened in extra session to devise ways and means for relief, but it is not thought that the president will entertain the idea. "Take any form but that," observed Macbeth, "and my firm nerve shall never tremble." The administration has already drawn heavily upon the gold realized from the sale of bonds. From a strictly legal point of view the secretary of the treasury has no right to use one dollar of the receipts from the sale of bonds for any other purpose than the redemption of legal-tender notes, and if that policy were really maintained the effect would be to check the drain of gold, for not one dollar more of paper money would go out in consequence of such redemption, except in exchange for gold, notwithstanding the fact that the greenbacks redeemed are to be paid out again.

This vital point may well challenge special attention. It is known that the outlays of the government are about half a billion of dollars a year. Each of the three last congresses has been a "billion dollar congress." Now, if the receipts were such as to leave a fair working balance, over and above those expenditures, there could be no way to play what our correspondent calls the "thimble-rigging trick with the legal tenders to deprive the treasury of gold." There was never anything of the kind until the deficit; that is, until the treasury drew on its gold reserve to pay current expenses. Suppose the Rothschilds and Morgans, or any other syndicate, should attempt anything of the kind, and could get every dollar of those notes (\$48,000,000) and present them for redemption at the sub-treasury in New York, either in lump or by installments, the effect would be to compel the government to issue and sell a lot of bonds to procure gold and then lock up in the treasury a corresponding amount of greenbacks. The treasury would have a surplus of legal tenders precisely to the extent of that extraordinary redemption. In other words, the utmost the syndicate could do would be to increase the bonded debt of the nation that much, and put the country to the expense of paying interest on a large block of bonds when it really had in vault the exact equivalent of those bonds in legal tender notes.

Such a condition of affairs would be unfortunate, but it would involve no very serious consequences. It would be as if a business man who had an ample balance in bank for his business should be obliged to borrow \$100,000 and let it lie idle in bank.

All this brings us back to the proposition that the only embarrassment in the financial condition and possibilities of the government lies in the fact that the revenue law of the last congress is a failure. The idea of putting an extra tax on beer as a relief is quite in keeping with the asininity which the democratic party has shown ever since its return to power. It is not to be expected that any such plan will meet with the favor of congress.

If Mr. Cleveland would only leave the matter to congress, and not attempt to force his personal views on the subject upon the acceptance of that body, he would justify the claim formerly made for him that he is better than his party. It must be admitted that the prospect of his doing so is exceedingly remote.—Inter-Ocean.



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