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TOM REED was unanimously elected as speaker of the house of representatives last Saturday.

In making appointments President McKinley is going on the plan that it is better to be right than to be speedy.

The sooner the extra session of congress can get the new tariff bill to the white house, the better it will be for the country.

THROUGHOUT his entire public record President McKinley has been known as a harmonizer, and he is living up to his reputation.

Of course we don't wish to see the plucky Greeks bring on a European war, but such a war would be worth a lot of money to the people of the United States.

The republican leaders in Congress will take the necessary steps to prevent our markets being over loaded with foreign goods while the tariff bill is pending at the extra session.

ONE of Nebraska's fusion senators showed his approval of the Nevada pugilistic law by attempting to wipe the slate of the senate with a fusionite editor. There was no wrangling about infighting or foul blows either.

THOSE Mexicans who insulted Americans at Guadalajara, Mexico, had evidently not heard about the change of administration, and the putting in force of a policy that will protect American citizens every where.

ONE Grover Cleveland, publicly charged by the legislature of the state of Missouri with having confiscated a government vessel, has not yet been arrested, nor have any members of the Missouri legislature been sent to insane asylums.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY did just what those who knew him best expected him to do, when he ordered that the cordon of policemen which has surrounded the white house night and day for several years, when the president was at home, be removed.

The democrats, or anybody else can make a general change of "extravagant appropriations" against the last Congress, but so long as they fail to specify one single appropriation that is extravagant they cannot expect to receive any attention from intelligent people.

ALLEN G. FISHER, of Chadron, county attorney of Dawes county, is becoming famous on account of his resemblance to the boy orator of the Platte. While in Minneapolis last week he managed to secure a column write-up in the Journal. Can it be possible that Al is running opposition to John G. Maher?

THE receipts from the inaugural ball and concerts and the street stand privileges paid all the expenses of the inauguration ceremonies and left a surplus exceeding \$5,000, which will be distributed among the charitable institutions of Washington. In other words the people of Washington, and the inauguration visitors willingly footed all the bills for the privilege of participating in the ceremonies. This is all the answer needed to the foolish democratic charges of extravagant expenditures. The people merely spent their own money for their own pleasure.

Congress could not do better than follow the recommendation of President McKinley and turn the whole question of our currency over to a non partizan commission composed of the ablest business men of the country, in order to get their opinion of what ought to be done. It is not a time for experiments. No change should be made until it is known that it will be better than what we now have. The country had a dose of the effect of changing just for a change during the last four years that ought to suffice for a century to come. When a wise man has a complicated legal case on hand he employs the best legal talent to be had. This country needs financial advice, but it wants it from men who have proven their ability by the management of their own affairs, and not from blatant demagogues who sway with every ism that happens to become popular.

WHO ARE THEY?

Of course the wave of prosperity promised during the campaign, has not come as rapidly as the fellows expected who voted against the proposition to have it return.

Had it come next morning after election they would also have been disappointed. It is evident therefore, that in the very nature of things these free silver advocates were to be disappointed.

Accordingly there is no reason to weep with them over their woes.

Who are they who mourn and refuse to be comforted?

Who are these men who at this time, ten days after the inauguration of a republican president, point the finger of scorn at the victors and taunt them with a demand to know why the indigent and indolent are not prospering and why baked ducks are not flying through the air and roast pigs do not fill our pens?

These are the same fellows who in 1892, when labor was fairly gorged with abundance, when idleness was the exception and when willing hands were everywhere at work at remunerative wages, when the women sang about the hearth and children played in comfort and as strangers to hunger, concluded it would be a wise thing to put a stop to that kind of prosperity and vote for the Bryan idea of free trade. They did this and stopped the spindles and looms here and set them going abroad. They could see nothing the matter with our financial system then. The only trouble with them was that they couldn't stand prosperity. They sowed the seeds of discontent, which they are still sowing. They sow them in times of prosperity and seasons of want. They inflame the public, and when there is a feast as well as when there is a famine.

They promised greater prosperity, they gave us misery and distress. We had bread and pie and they promised us peaches and cream, but they gave us nothing but a marble heart.

Where were their jibes and jests then? Why did not these Pariahs say something about their fulfillment of pledges? The prosperity we had was suddenly checked. It cannot be as quickly re-established. It is one thing to arrest the speed of a heavily loaded wagon. It is quite another thing to restore its motion.

In view of the record, known and suffered of all men, these fellows who are now taunting should subside. They are discredited; they are spurious and repudiated "reformers." They should quietly and peaceably bide their time. In due season prosperity will be restored, and the women will be singing again at their work and the children at their play.—Fromont Tribune.

A NEW LEADER.

The democratic party has a new leader. He is Joseph W. Bailey of Texas, who will today receive the support of the democrats of the house of representatives for speaker. The country does not know much of Mr. Bailey. It is safe to say that a large majority of democrats have not heard of him. He represents the Fifth Texas district, but is a native of Mississippi. He is a young man, being not yet 34, and is a lawyer. He will enter upon his fourth consecutive term in congress today, but his

name has not been prominently identified with any legislation except a bill providing for voluntary bankruptcy which nobody familiar with the subject approved.

Mr. Bailey has, however, been something of a factor in democratic politics. It is interesting to note that as a member of the Chicago convention he was opposed to the nomination of Mr. Bryan, regarding him as essentially a populist. Mr. Bailey was so dissatisfied with Bryan's nomination that he published a letter declining to run for congress, but was finally persuaded to accept a renomination, which carried with it support of the popocratic ticket. As the democratic leader in the house of representatives, the Texas congressman will have a vantage ground for his ambition that will enable him to broaden his leadership if he have the ability to do so. That he has ability must be presumed from the fact of his having been successful over such democratic veterans as McMillin of Tennessee and Bland of Missouri. Mr. Bailey will have the best possible opportunity in the present congress to show what there is in him. If he can win prestige as a leader the chance is now before him. Should he justify the evident confidence of his democratic colleagues he will become a force to be reckoned with by the aspirants for the democratic presidential nomination in 1900. Mr. Bailey has bounded into national prominence and his future will be watched with no little interest.—Omaha Bee.

If the free traders will recall the fact that they were defeated at the last election, it may serve as an antidote to the madness that is making them foam at the mouth because protection is going to have another inning.

The selection of Bailey, of Texas, for leader and the turning down of McMillin, of Tennessee, who was his opponent, by the democrats of the house, is regarded as a direct slap at one William Jennings Bryan, whose representative McMillin claimed to be.

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