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CIVIL service is not what it is cracked up to be.

THE most potent influence with a populist—the party lash.

THE war fever is contagious. It is now being waged among local democrats.

THE indications are that McLean means business and that the Short Line will be built.

THE party lash when vigorously applied make some officials forget that others have rights which should be respected.

SAM HOWARD has found a safe harbor, through the friendship of Judge Westover. He is prepared to stand a siege.

THE pops say there was no politics in the Atkinson bank receivership. It will be rather hard to make the people believe it.

IN refusing to allow the Sultan to make the Greeks pay the fiddler, the great powers of Europe overturned a time-honored maxim.

CONGRESSMAN CORLISS, of Michigan, declares the present civil service law to be "a most obnoxious and arbitrary restriction of human liberty."

THE Greeks should have postponed their war against Turkey until Thanksgiving day. Americans would then assist them by decreasing the Turkey population.

UN import trade for April is estimated at \$80,000,000. This is double the normal value of the trade. It is the sharp work of foreign capital to dodge the coming tariff.—Inter Ocean.

THE pops are passing around the hat among the brethren over in Keya Paha to raise a fund of \$1,000 to pay to M. F. Harrington to defend the killers of young Cole. Mike insists on cash in advance and then does not guarantee a cure.—Butte Gazette.

THE residents of New York have not seen the air ship, but a reporter says he saw it raining snakes a few Sundays ago. Well, O'Neillites got a glimpse of the air ship a few weeks ago, but it would be hard work to get in shape to see it rain snakes on Sunday.

IF the croakers who are howling about the times getting harder and who continually cuss the republican party would only look around a little they could see many evidences of better times. But they don't want to see it, for then they would have nothing to howl about.

EX-MAYOR BROATCH, of Omaha, lost a number of friends throughout the state by his populist actions in attempting to keep Mayor Moores out of the office to which he was elected by the people of Omaha. Proceedings of this kind do not inure to the benefit of the republican party.

THE bluffs that are being made by some countries about retaliation against the United States because of the increased duties in the Dingley tariff bill, will not scare any body. Countries, like individuals, seldom bite their noses to spite their faces. There is no country on earth that is less dependent upon the products of other countries than the United States. We could prosper if we neither sold nor bought a dollar's worth of anything outside our own boundaries.

THE anti-irrigationists are rather quiet at present.

WOLCOTT, Payne and Stevenson sailed for Europe last week. Their best efforts will be advanced toward securing an international agreement. The republican party will fulfill their promises made last fall.

THERE is a business man in Gordon who tells us every week what a splendid trade he is having and how much better it is now than it was last year this time, and yet the fellow actually quit advertising and stopped his paper last fall, because this paper supported McKinley, claiming his election would ruin the country. Ye Gods! What base ingratitude.—Gordon Journal.

## THE SUPREME QUESTION.

The democratic leader in the house of representatives said in a recent speech that "there is just one question in the minds of the American people, and that one question is prosperity." He was right. From one end of this great country to the other all classes of the people are anxiously awaiting the full return of prosperity. It is the subject of supreme interest to the manufacturer, the merchant, the professional man and the workingman. The long period of depression, of loss to capital and to labor, of disaster to nearly every form of productive enterprise, has become most oppressively tiresome. It is true that the situation is not so bad as it has been. It is very much better than last year, when the country was confronted by a danger to its monetary system and uncertainty as to the result of the contest between sound money and unsound money intensified financial distrust and business depression. There is now confidence that there will be no disturbance of the monetary standard for at least four years and there is not the extreme conservatism in financial circles that prevailed before the presidential election. Money is not so hard to get for legitimate purposes. There is also greater industrial activity. More mills and factories are in operation now than a year ago and there is considerably less idle labor in the country. The railroads generally report a material improvement in earnings, the postal revenues have increased and there are other evidences that the situation is better than a year ago, or indeed for several years.

But prosperity is not so general and complete as it was five years ago, before the people made the great mistake of turning the control of the government over to the democratic party, and all interests want a return of the prosperous conditions of that time, when capital found profitable investment and labor was fully employed and well paid. Is this attainable? We have a larger population to feed and clothe than five years ago, there are still vast resources to be developed, the opportunities for well directed enterprise on all lines of human effort are as good now as they have ever been. This being so there can be no doubt that general prosperity is attainable.

The one thing essential to its attainment is a judicious economic system, under which American industries and American labor will not be subjected to a destructive foreign competition. The republican party was voted into power last November to provide such a system. The plain mandate of a majority of the people was that the democratic tariff must go, to be replaced by a tariff on republican lines. Until this is accomplished a return of general prosperity cannot be expected. It is irrational to assert, as some do, that prosperity can be attained under the existing tariff in view of the experience since it went into operation.

It is not the fault of the republican party that there is still some depression and that the return of general prosperity is delayed. The representatives of the party in congress have responded to what they regarded as the command of a majority of the people and the responsibility for delay in giving the country the legislation necessary to bring back prosperity does not rest with them.—Omaha Bee.

## THE REVIVING WEST.

Kansas, California and Colorado were the states that first felt the forceful sweep of panic. They are the first to revive from its dire effects. The news from all these states, but especially from Colorado, is encouraging. None of them truly can be described as riding on the crest of any wave of prosperity, but in all of them there is discernible a quickening of business and a restoration of confidence in the near approach of good times.

The output of the Cripple Creek mines for April was in excess of \$1,000,000, and for the four months ending May 1 was double that of the like period of 1895. The Leadville mines are reported as more active than at any time since the "boom days" of 1878 and 1879. The group of mines known as the "Downtown," that filled with water during last year's strike, are being pumped out and will be clear of water and ready to resume operations by September. The Gilpin county mines are shipping more ore to the smelters at Idaho Springs than ever before, and the mines of the Gunnison district are unusually active.

Passing from mining to the farming interests of Colorado, the intelligence is equally comforting. Large profits are being derived from the sale of hogs, cattle and sheep that have been fattened on alfalfa. The abundant rains and snows of the winter have insured an abundant supply of water for irrigation, and the fruit crop gives promise of unusual abundance.

Wholesale dealers in Denver report an increase of 40 per cent. over the spring sales of 1896. Six thousand names have been added to the city directory during the year, which is indicative of an increase of about 20,000 to the population. Houses and stores again are in good demand and a considerable amount of new building is in progress.

The revival of trade and agriculture in the west sooner or later will have a beneficial effect upon the business of the more eastern centers of distribution.—Inter Ocean.

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