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Any tariff bill must necessarily be better than the one the country is now staggering under.

No section of the country is slighting President McKinley by neglecting to invite him to visit it.

The majority of the house are showing the country that they have themselves well in hand, and are not to be stampeded.

By poking fun at Omaha the Chicago papers demonstrate that their opinion of the greatness of Chicago has been somewhat warped.

Gentlemen who are yelling themselves hoarse over their objections to the tariff bill, would save their breath by waiting until that measure is completed.

By appointing a receiver for the Atkinson bank it is evident that Judge Westover is ready to dance whenever the populist party bosses crack the whip.

Peru has officially notified this government that it has stopped the coinage of silver and forbids the importation of coin, except when melted into bars.

The Bank of Spain has undertaken the task of raising \$40,000,000 to continue the war in Cuba. Still there are men who insist that there is no war in Cuba.

Preparations for the campaign of 1900 will go right along, notwithstanding the prophecy of an Austrian that life on the earth will be snuffed out in November, 1899.

Omaha should give Congressman Mercer a life lease on his office. He is always looking after the wants of his constituents, and he generally gets what he goes after.

Mr. Bayard's anxiety to bring over those Mayflower documents probably arises from the hope that they might secure him some sort of a public reception in Boston.

Secretary Wilson is very hopeful of good results from his experiment of shipping American butter to Europe; also of his distribution of sugar beet seeds to twenty thousand farmers. He is a firm believer in practical rather than theoretical ways of helping our farmers.

## ON CUBA.

The president sent the following special message to congress last Monday: "To the senate and house of representatives of the United States: Official information from our consuls in Cuba establishes the fact that a large number of American citizens in the island are in a state of destitution and are suffering for food and medicines. This applies particularly to the rural districts of the central and eastern parts. The agricultural classes have been forced from their farms into the nearest towns, where they are without work or money. The local authorities of the towns, however kindly disposed, are unable to relieve the needs of their own people and are altogether powerless to help our citizens.

The latest report of Consul General Lee estimates that there are 6,800 Americans without means of support. I assured him that provisions will be made at once to relieve them. To that end I recommend that congress make an appropriation of not less than \$50,000, to

be immediately available, for use under the direction of the secretary of state. It is desirable that part of the sum which may be appropriated by congress should be in the discretion of the secretary of state to be used for the transportation of American citizens who, desiring to return to the United States, are without means to do so.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

## BETTER TIMES.

There can be no doubt that there is gradual and general improvement of the times as the first half of the year is passed. Trade is better, steadily somewhat better from the retailer up to the jobber. The news from the jobbing centers lately indicate a large increase in trade, and there is no reason why it should not steadily increase in the future, and every reason why it should. So, too, a great many manufacturing enterprises have resumed or have enlarged operations. Tens of thousands of men who six or eight months ago were idle are now employed. More are being employed every day, and more will be employed in the future in manufacturing industry. No small amount of improvements, public and private, is being inaugurated or planned, and this is giving employment to a great many people, as well as stimulating trade. These are not flush times indeed, but the aggregate of new work in the country in progress or in sight is growing all the time. Finances are improving. Credit is stronger. The banks are not only getting in better shape but also are beginning to expand accommodations. Many loan companies and agencies are beginning to take new business even in the western states. There could be no more significant fact than the gigantic refunding operations which some of the great railroad companies have lately completed or are now carrying on. The old debts of some of these companies have been exchanged for new ones carrying only 3 1/2 per cent. interest, and running a hundred years. There have already been lately such refundings to the aggregate of several hundred millions. It demonstrates beyond all question that our credit rests on a secure foundation in the judgment of the financial world. These refunding operations would have been utterly impossible on any other condition. In other words, enterprise, which has been paralyzed and torn down, is beginning to rebuild. Almost before we know it, we find the times indisputably improving. Much, very much, remains to be done. It will require several years fully to recover a condition of complete confidence and complete readjustment, but before we know it we shall find ourselves in the midst of prosperity. It will not be this spring or this summer or next fall, but before the year closes we shall in all probability have reached a point from which we all can see the good times of the future—and then good times will have come.—Sioux City Journal.

## NEBRASKA REPUBLICANS.

The republican party suffered defeat at the polls in Nebraska last fall and its restoration to power should now be the purpose of the thoughtful, conscientious men who compose it.

But for one thing there could be no doubt of its immediate restoration. The popocratic legislature which sat at Lincoln nullified the victory of the enemy. The session was nothing but a wake and political debauch. The disgraceful actions of the majority showed the popocrats to be dangerous and dishonest and unworthy of confidence. The people show much dissatisfaction and disgust with the actions of their representatives.

The one thing standing in the way of republican success is the defalcation of two of the retiring state officials. Will this offset the weakened faith of the people in the honesty of purpose and policy of the enemy, as shown by the majority of the last legislature?

The republican party condemns Moore and Bartley for their official misconduct. It is safe to predict that the state platform this year will

denounce their defalcations in unmeasured terms, because the party never condones crime nor countenances official misconduct. The republican press has from the first denounced the rascals in unmeasured terms.

Will the popocratic platform adopted next fall arraign the ballot burglars? Will it denounce the high handed and arbitrary unseating of the Douglas county members, just because there was a brutal majority to do it? Will it arraign the rascals who manipulated bills so as to increase the appropriations, and to show the passage of measures which did not have legislative sanction?

Nobody expects it to do anything of the kind.

Instead of condemning this rottenness in its own party, as the republican press is doing, every little popocratic sheet from Omaha to Ogallala is condoning it.

At a meeting of the John L. Webster republican club in Omaha last night Mr. Webster delivered an address in which he touched upon this subject. During the course of his remarks he said:

I do not know whether Moore and Bartley are guilty of the charges so freely asserted against them. It is too early to pass judgment upon them. It is a principal of law as old as the English speaking language that persons charged with crime are presumed to be innocent until proven guilty. When we humor that presumption, we are indulging in a principal of justice that had its existence before the Magna Charta.

If these men be conceded to be defaulters and embezzlers of public moneys their offences are not to be imputed to the party—but their crimes must rest upon their own heads. The republican party never seeks to protect but hastens to condemn criminals. If these men are guilty they will be convicted in a republican court; if they are sentenced it will be by a republican judge; if they have betrayed the trust of the republican party, that party will convict and condemn without hesitation and without reluctance.

If they have betrayed the trust and confidence we reposed in them, it furnishes no justification for condemning the great principles of the republican party or its grand organization.

The army of Washington had a Benedict Arnold, but the people did not condemn the revolution, nor forsake the principals of the Declaration of Independence.

Mr. Webster spoke truly. Republicans will condemn their own scoundrels. Will the enemy do as much? Two republicans cannot represent the party, but a constitutional majority of the legislature, it must be admitted, does represent a party, certainly to a larger and fuller degree than two men.—Fremont Tribune.



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