



THE NEXT CONGRESS.

SOON TO CONVENE; MUCH TO DO.

The Cuban and the Hawaiian Questions Likely to Be the First and Most Important to Come Up for Consideration—Republicans Control the House but Not the Senate.

(Washington Letter.)

In about a fortnight the Fifty-sixth congress of the United States will be in session with a Republican working majority in the lower house, but with a minority in the senate.

Matters of great interest and concern will undoubtedly be presented and discussed at an early date after convention of congress.

The most difficult question to be dealt with is that relating to Cuba. It has been intimated from time to time that congress, when convened, would not stand the indefinite and procrastinating policy pursued by Spain in connection with this government's inquiries relative to Cuba.

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steadily gaining week by week, and now, according to the treasury figures, they are larger than they were a year ago. The prediction that the new year will see a wiping out of monthly deficits seems likely to be fulfilled.

According to Attorney-General McKenna, the Government will be as fully protected in the matter of the Kansas Pacific Railroad as was the case in the Union Pacific transaction. The ownership of the Kansas Pacific is part of the scheme of the reorganization committee.

GEORGE H. WILLIAMS. The sale. The credit of the officials managing the sale.

Uncle Sam's Turn Will Come.



John Bull laughs now, but Uncle Sam's turn will come when Congress passes a law for the protection of American shipping.

No Prosperity for Him.

"The long and short of this business is that we are no nearer prosperity than we were two years ago. The only benefits which have come to our people since the election of McKinley were the result of the disasters to wheat crops in foreign lands by what the law calls a "visitation of God."

Thus the Cincinnati Enquirer, whose anxiety just now is centered upon the political-complexion of the new Ohio legislature. Everything depends upon that. There can be no real, simon-pure, copper-bottomed, all-wool, yard-wide, sure enough prosperity visible in the Enquirer office until John McLean succeeds in breaking into the United States Senate.

It Unsettles Many Theories.

"As a matter of fact," says the Lancaster Courier, "certain industries have been carried in America to a decidedly more advanced stage of development than that which they have as yet attained in the old country."

REPUBLICAN OPINION.

The Democracy is rapidly losing its grip on the South. Look at the senate of the United States. Maryland is now to have two Republican senators; West Virginia has one and is likely to have another; Kentucky has one Republican and one other who refuses to co-operate with the Democrats on the currency question; Louisiana has one Democrat refusing to join with his party on the tariff; South Carolina has one and Georgia two who kicked over the traces on the tariff; North Carolina has no Democratic representative, one of her Senators being a Republican and the other a Populist; one Texan Democratic senator refuses to support free silver. In fact, the number of Southern senators who follow time-honored Democratic doctrines is becoming extremely small.

Now that Mr. Bryan has finished his attempt to "bury Mark Hanna," he can go to Mexico and congratulate the people of that country on the fact that their dollar has fallen 20 per cent in value in the past year.

The balance in favor of the United States in its trade with England was greater last year than at any time previous during the last fifteen years, if not than any previous year.

Mr. Bryan declared that he didn't see any evidence of prosperity while in Ohio. Probably the smoke of reopened factories injured his eyesight while in the state.

With two Republican senators and a Republican delegation in the house, the old state of Maryland will not be able to recognize herself in the political mirror.

Railroad earnings are at a high figure, and the bank clearances of the country were 22.2 per cent higher last week than in the corresponding week of last year.

The farmers of Ohio, Iowa, Maryland, Kansas and South Dakota showed by their votes in the recent election that free silver has no more charms for them.

People who really want to pay their debts in depreciated dollars should remove to Mexico. The silver dollars of that country have fallen 20 per cent in value in the past year, and the man who owed \$1,000 a year ago can pay it with \$800 worth of silver now.

Mr. Bryan did not call on ex-Gov. Boies during his recent trip through Iowa.

The twelve counties of Ohio in which Mr. Bryan made speeches in the campaign just ended gave 997 more Republican majority than they did in 1896. Considering that Mr. Bryan ostentatiously announced that he "came to bury Hanna, not to praise him," this result is rather amusing—to everybody except Mr. Bryan.

"In spite of less active trade during October in most sections of the country, and the virtual stoppage of business at the South as a result of the yellow-fever scares and quarantines, the aggregate total for that month exceeded even September's immense total, and marks the heaviest month's total since January, 1893. This result was accomplished, too, with the same number of business days in the month as in September."—Bradstreet's.

With Arthur Poe Gorman beaten, Mark Hanna as good as re-elected, Republican gains in Kansas, free silver again repudiated in Ohio, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and New York, the Democrat who can extract comfort from the result of this year's elections must be a veritable political Mark Tapley.

What has become of that trio of silver advocates who went to Japan to find evidence that the "gold powers" had forced the Yankess of the Orient into action recently taken in favor of the gold standard? They have been gone nearly four months and not a sound has been heard from them.

The talk of co-operation of a few Ohio Republicans with the McLean Democrats of that state in the approaching senatorial election is pronounced by Ohio men of both parties the merest "moonshine." It would be political suicide for any man who would undertake it or attempt to profit by it.

With ex-Governor Altgeld organizing a paper-money party, ex-Governor Bois denouncing the 6-to-1 proposition, Senator Stewart telling the people that they may as well fall in with prosperity and drop the silver issue, it looks as though the white metal would have few friends left by 1900.

The circulation of the country is, in round numbers, \$80,000,000 greater than it was one year ago. Yet the country didn't get free coinage, and Bryan said that the only way to increase the circulating medium of the country was by the adoption of free silver. An error in judgment.

The 55th Congress had a larger number of Republicans from the South than was ever before elected to any Congress from that section. And now the 56th Congress is to have an addition to the Southern Republican strength by another Republican senator from Maryland.

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TURN ON THE RECORD

FOPULISTS TAKE BACK TRACK ON SCHOOL FUNDS.

They Amend Their Original Protests—What Was Black Two Years Ago Now Appears Very White—Buying State Warrants to Help Themselves and the Brokers.

Schemes of the Pops.

Lincoln Correspondence Omaha Bee: The populist state officials who constitute the state board of educational lands and funds have a great scheme for keeping their hands upon the money belonging to the permanent school fund.

Just after the last election returns were announced showing that the bonds voted by Douglas county for refunding purposes and in aid of the exposition were carried the state house officials sent out through their organs the statement that the board had met and agreed to bid for \$100,000 of the bonds, but that they had no expectation of having their bid accepted for the reason that they would not bid more than par for them.

The board is regarded as an excellent investment and if the board could properly use the school money in paying premiums on them it is more than likely it would do so. The matter of the purchase of the bonds has been under consideration for some time by members of the board, and the conclusion to enter the lists as a bidder met with the unanimous approval of all the members.

This has been followed up more recently by another announcement emanating from the same source, lauding Treasurer Meserve for his great work in finding investments for the permanent school fund and telling of the noble sacrifices undergone by the state house employees in selling to him nearly \$3,500 of salary warrants at par when if they hawked them about the markets they might possibly have secured a small fraction of 1 per cent premium on them.

"This construction given to the law is entirely unwarranted. It is contrary to the opinion of the supreme court as found in 15 Neb., page 685, where it is held that premiums may legitimately be paid out of the permanent school fund; that the true question to be determined is whether the investment of whatever sum may be agreed upon is a proper one, and that question is left entirely to the judgment of the Board of Educational Lands and Funds; nor is there anything in the constitution or the law prohibiting the payment of a premium wherever it may be required in order that this fund may be profitably invested.

This is very plainly part and parcel of a grand scheme to head off the investment of the state school fund in county bonds and keep the money in the hands of Treasurer Meserve, ostensibly for the purpose of investing in state warrants. With the return of better times and the prompter payment of taxes, the outstanding warrant indebtedness of the state is being gradually reduced, and the populist officials see clearly that within a short time the supply will be so curtailed that the treasurer will not be able to invest the money in warrants unless he pays the same premium which rules the market.

"Excepting a small issue of \$6,500 Valley county 4 1/2 per cent bonds which lay in the treasury vaults for many months patiently awaiting the action of the board finally taken, as shown by the records, the third of the month, all bonds which have already been purchased or which there appear to be any immediate prospect of securing, unless different methods have been already mentioned. It is proper to remark here that the \$100,000 Saunders county bonds, the purchase of which has been so vociferously announced, are not to be issued during the present year, and at the rate this fund is increasing there should accumulate in the state treasury before the first of the year an amount sufficient to purchase them without regard to the fund now on hand. There was also a motion adopted at one of the meetings of the board to purchase about \$30,000 of the outstanding state relief bonds, provided they draw 4 per cent interest, but whether the party holding these bonds will part with them at this is, so far as I am informed, problematical and very uncertain.

As a matter of fact there is nothing whatever in the law to prevent the state board from buying the proposed issue of Douglas county bonds at a premium, or of making a bid equal to or greater than the best bid which any private individual may make. On the contrary, the practice has been common for the state board to buy county bonds at a premium. It has invested in bonds on a basis as low as 4 per cent interest, paying the difference between the rate and the rate on face either in a lump sum or by detaching interest coupons from the bonds. The trust funds, for example, hold nearly \$350,000 worth of Lancaster county bonds upon which the people are receiving interest at the rate of 4 per cent. There is also a block of \$77,000 of Otoe county bonds which are drawing only 4 per cent and the \$19,000 of state relief bonds, which recently became payable, bear only 4 per cent interest.

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Governor Holcomb is a member of the state board of educational lands and funds, and if he has acquiesced in the new policy of the board he has suffered a most remarkable change of heart. It is hardly a year and a half ago that the governor was out in a long open letter to the public replying to charges which had been made against him by Churchill and Russell that he had tried to obstruct the investment of the school fund, in which he took positive ground that it was not only the right but the duty of the state board to purchase all the bonds of solvent counties that might be offered on terms equal to or better than the best that could be secured on the open market.

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Professor Holmes. Prof. George Frederick Holmes of the university of Virginia, who has just died at the age of seventy-seven years, was a native of England. "He was a brilliant man," says the Baltimore American. "He was the second oldest member of the faculty, and was noted for his remarkable promptness in attending his classes, missing not more than five lectures during his forty years' term of office. He was retired from work at the beginning of this session, being unable to go with his lectures longer on account of failing sight and bodily strength. His ability as a writer and critic was marked, he having written innumerable essays on political questions and numerous school books, particularly for use in southern school and colleges."

Austin Gollaher, the old boyhood friend of Abraham Lincoln, said recently: "Abe always remained at the head of his class, and I never knew him to be turned down. His studious habits made him a favorite with the teacher, which caused a great deal of jealousy among his classmates toward him, and, not being generally liked anyhow, it made him very unpopular."

French Chemical Company, 256 Dearborn St., Chicago.

Enclosed please find one dollar for which send me a bottle of your Anti-Neuralgic. You sent a bottle to my mother last week and it acted like a charm. She has been a great sufferer of neuralgia of the head and stomach and around the heart and never took any remedy that relieved her so quickly as this wonderful medicine did.

I thank God for giving you the power to make such a wonderful remedy and I hope you may prosper.

Clarence Cook will contribute to the December Century an article on Mr. Clement C. Moore, who wrote the famous poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas." The verses were written in 1822 as a Christmas present for Dr. Moore's children. A young lady visiting the family copied the poem into her album and sent it, unknown to the author, to the editor of the Troy "Sentinel," who printed it without the author's name in the issue of that journal for December 23, 1823.

Reputations Made in a Day. Are precious scarce. Time tries the worth of a man or medicine. Hottest's Stomach Bitters is a forty-five years' growth, and like those hardy lichens that garnish the crevices of Alaska's rocks, it flourishes perennially, and its reputation has as firm a base as the rocks themselves. No medicine is more highly regarded as a remedy for fever and ague, bilious remittent, constipation, liver and kidney disorders, nervousness and rheumatism.

We wish to call attention to the advertisement in this issue of the National Correspondence Institute of Washington, D. C. This institution is thoroughly reliable and we cheerfully recommend them to our readers. A college education at home shows wonderful advancement in educational matters.

What the superior man seeks is in himself; what the small seeks is in others.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascares, Cauby Cathartic cleans your blood and keeps it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascares, beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

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According to an eminent doctor, the excessive use of salt tends to paralyze the sense of taste.

WHAT SHALL I GIVE FOR CHRISTMAS? You can easily settle this question by sending for the grand new illustrated Catalogue, showing 3,000 of the most beautiful things in Jewelry and Silverwares of the Mermoid & Jaccard Jewelry Co., Broadway, Cor. Locust, St. Louis, who will also, if you will enclose \$5 cts., send you a Solid Silver Handled Nail File.

Employees of the Hartford Street Railway company have been ordered not to chew tobacco while on duty.

TO CURE A GOLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

Military Compliment.—Lieutenant—Good evening, miss! You look like a regiment of rose-buds tonight.—Flegende Blatter.

Since the establishment of a cremation society in France 20,000 bodies have been cremated in Paris.

In giving thanks for your blessings don't forget the criticisms you have received.

Train the growing tree so that only dead and injured limbs will need removing later on.