

THE "POPULAR" FAD.

The "popular" idea in the question of the choice of public officials seems to be attending among the people. A few years ago it began to be prominently suggested in the matter of the choice of United States senators, and now it is beginning to assert itself in the question of the election of presidents.

Just now the "popular" notion is showing considerable vitality in many localities. There is a strong desire to bring the senate and the president "nearer the people." The impression is felt that somehow or other the change would secure an abler or better class of officials and the people would have greater freedom of choice.

Moreover, governors, who are nominated in conventions, are, on the whole, below rather than above the senators in ability, efficiency and worth.—Globe-Democrat.

A TAX IS A TAX.

Democrat—"The tariff is a tax." Republican—"Of course it is." Democrat (surprised)—"I thought you fellows say it isn't."

A CALIFORNIA VIEW OF BLAND. No matter what may be the future of the metal, the owner of silver, if Mr. Bland is to have his way, is to keep on prospering. If it should go down to 30d the ounce, or to 50 cents on the dollar, the lucky speculator is to get 100 cents' worth of anything he wants for it.

Mr. Bland, in what he now proposes to do, is simply going through the motions of financier. He is merely holding up to the public a silverine paradise, which he no doubt considers must very taking. But he probably terrifies the general intelligence which he is appealing. Perhaps in his own Missouri very fanciful

notions may be found on the subject about which he proposes to legislate. But the chances are that he will find it very difficult to make the people of this country believe that their happiness and prosperity can be promoted by endowing the silver speculators with a large share of their substance.

In the city elections just held in Iowa the republicans made very large gains. Even the democratic stronghold of Council Bluffs went republican by nearly 300 majority.

ENGLAND wants to back down on the Behring sea question and wants to make a new treaty which will allow her to control the seal fishery, but the administration will stand up for American rights.

MR. WILLIAMS' QUERY.

Mr. Williams, of Illinois, appears to have had a gleam of sense during the examination of Mr. Leech [by Mr. Bland's committee], but whether it will do him any good or not is doubtful. He put this fetching question to the witness:

"If the value of the treasury notes depends on the confidence of the people that they will be redeemed by the nation in gold, why not issue more greenbacks, instead of buying silver?"

Mr. Leech must have known that this interrogatory carried the whole philosophy of the silver question. He must have known, too, that Mr. Williams put it to him as an economical, and not as a legal, question. Yet he chose to answer it as though it were put to him in the latter aspect only.

THE WEST AND FREE SILVER.

Now that some of the timid republicans of the east are talking about the necessity, or imagined necessity, of making some "concessions to the silver element of the west," a little plain talk on this subject from representative western republican papers is in order.

The east's misapprehension in this matter is due to the fact that only western republicans who are doing any talking on free silver are the friends of that scheme. These are few, but their clamor and persistency serve to conceal their lack in numbers. They represent only a small element of the community. There is no pronounced or urgent demand for further favors to the

white metal among the masses of western republicans. If this scheme were submitted to the popular vote of the republicans residing west of the Alleghenies, or even west of the Mississippi, it would be overwhelmingly defeated.

FREE TRADERS TAKING THEIR OWN MEDICINE.

The Journal of Logansport, Ind., prints a statement on the authority of Judge Baldwin of that state, who is now traveling abroad, that farm labor in Egypt commands ten cents a day and that mechanics receive fifteen cents a day.

"Forty thousand bales of Egyptian cotton were imported to this country last year, and millions of bushels of cheap Chinese rice. And if you Yankee farmers have a tariff on Canadian wheat and against Cuban tobacco, why may not our farmers have a tariff against pauper rice and cotton?"

The republican party, always national and not sectional in its aims and policies, has been willing to extend protection to southern productions, as is evidenced by the duties so long maintained for the benefit of the rice growers of Louisiana and South Carolina.

If the free traders of the cotton states can not be reached by reason or argument on behalf of protection, they can be left to learn what they can from the practical application of the free trade doctrine to their own products.

"Forty-nine hundred bales of Egyptian cotton were received at New York on Thursday. It is said that it is considered superior to American cotton and will mix with it. We know nothing as to the quality of the imported staple, but it is safe to say that it is in no respect superior to American cotton.

"My father used to say: 'Let me choose the books for a child to read or study, until he is fifteen, then you may do what you will with the child after that and he will not change.'" said Stella.

"Yes, we need food for the mind as well as for the body. There is a life within that is of more value than the outer frame we call the body. The living, thinking part is eternal and the culture that we give to it is never lost!" I said.

government to protect the cotton growers of South Carolina. He will never have a better time to press the campaign of education than the present.

JOHNNY'S father is a democrat, but Johnny is beginning to have an occasional doubt. On the twenty second the lad became inquisitive.

"Well," he said at last, "I don't see just how that can be, Pop. He never told a lie, did he?"

THAT eminent democratic statesman, ex-Governor Curtin, of Pennsylvania, has this to say about President Harrison's administration:

"Since Secretary of State, James G. Blaine, has so positively declined the preferred honor, I see no way for your party but to renominate President Harrison. And why not? Hasn't he given you a most eminently clean administration?"

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WAVERLAND.

A TALE OF OUR COMING LANDLORDS.

BY SARAH MARIE BRIGHAM.

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"Think of what a pleasure it was to wait on him, or to scold him if he did not mind me," she answered gaily.

One evening Stella came to me and pouncing herself on my knee, said: "I want you to promise eternal secrecy!"

"What order of secret society are you going to introduce now?" I asked, taking her hand in mine. "What is your grip and password?"

"Oh, now, do be sober if you can," she said, a shade of vexation crossing her fair brow.

"There, smooth out those wrinkles, pet, and I will promise anything you wish. Even to the half of my kingdom," I said.

"Annie came to my room to-day, and nestling in my arms she told me that she once thought she loved you! When you left her to go to America and never told her of your love, she thought she was broken-hearted. She said that your mother and she had often talked about the future and that she had always thought she was to be your wife. She told how she lost her appetite, and would not read anything but love sick stories until she fancied that she was dying. She even went so far as to write you a letter telling you the cause of her death."

"But when you came home and told her that you were soon to be married, she was ashamed of herself, stopped reading love stories and took her usual exercise on horse-back and soon was her own self again, glad that you were going to marry me, and commenced planning what happy times we would have together again. Now she says she knows that she never loved you; that she would have been your slave ready to do your slightest bidding with never a thought of her own fear of offending you."

"I do not doubt it," I said. "I think a great many of the evils of life come from improper reading. It gives bad impulses. How careful parents and teachers should be in the books placed before the young."

"I have seen so many families where there seemed no thought of anything but dress and food. The spiritual life was dwarfed and pinched. They go through

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gleam of a brighter future. We have shown England that we are united and that we know what we want. My main purpose is unchanged. Nothing that has occurred during or since the campaign, which your little ones have shown us was a glorious victory, has caused a single change of my plans or purposes. We shall demand and be satisfied with nothing less than the creation of an Irish parliament. It must be equipped and empowered to legislate for all of Ireland's affairs and interests. (Applause.)

"You have helped to show any English government whether Whig or Tory, that may in future attempt to rob Ireland of her freedom, that the first thing which an Irishman in Ireland, England or America wants is Liberty!"

"Whatever party attempts to forge chains for Ireland will at the first opportunity find that the vengeance of the Gael, though slow is sure! They will never leave the trail of the coercionist until they have run him down. They will throttle him as they just throttled the liberal party in parliament! (Applause.)

"In our time of rejoicing we must not forget the generous aid of our trans-Atlantic friends. (Cheers for America.) Seldom, indeed, have benefactors been more aptly termed twice blessed. Blessed in giving hope and cheer to the recipients, and glad satisfaction to the donors' hearts and consciences. We feel assured that nothing will be left undone by our American friends, to enable us to speedily and surely win the legislative right for Ireland. We have now forged a mighty weapon for ourselves by returning a body of eighty-six representatives of the people, whose power the future can only determine. We now hold the position it has always seemed necessary for us to obtain, in order to commence a successful movement for the restoration of 'Home Rule' in Ireland. I cannot doubt that we shall see a speedy and happy issue to this struggle." (Great applause.)

"As we were going home from the meeting Col. Haynes remarked: 'I thought that America could beat the world for big demonstrations, but the Irish have won the laurels this time. I never saw such a sea of humanity before; and so full of enthusiasm.'"

"They are in earnest. This to them means liberty. How beautiful and appropriate it was to see those children. I heard that Lady Waverland arranged that part of the programme," I said, looking at Stella, who had enjoyed the exercises exceedingly.

"Yes, Loyd, I did that for your sake," she said with a smile of satisfaction.

"I can see now," said the Colonel, "that England may rob, enslave, imprison and even kill the Irish, but the true, the living sentiment is beyond her reach. This feeling came to the front to-day, rejecting in this victory and demanding fuller liberty."

"Sir Wren and Annie joined us as we entered the hall door." "Well, Fred," said Sir Wren, "how do you like an Irish jubilee?" "I was just saying that I thought they could beat the Americans in enthusiasm," answered the Colonel.

"I see England is beginning to complain of America, for sending aid to the Irish," I said, looking over the evening papers. "It would be strange indeed if she did not find fault," said the Colonel. "But Americans will have no trouble of conscience on that score. They remember but too well how England assisted the South during the years of our rebellion. There is no doubt in the average American mind, but that England, as a nation, would have rejoiced in the destruction of our republican government. It has been a thorn in her side ever since she drank of the bitter waters of defeat at Yorktown and New Orleans. England never makes any complaints about the forty million dollars a year that is coming from the Irish Americans to help to support landlordism in Ireland."