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MR. CLEVELAND'S position in favor of cheap labor and dear money seems to suit our English emissary and free trade neighbor, the Journal.

The pleasant relations heretofore existing between Col. Bushnell, of the Lincoln Call, and Col. Rosewater, of the Omaha Bee, are being somewhat strained, we should judge, from a perusal of the columns of the two papers.

SINCE Grover Cleveland has written his free coinage letter, it is pretty well settled that the next national platform will favor the gold standard and free coinage too. While this kind of a straddle would be ruinous to any other party democracy would thrive and fatten on it.

The rank of admiral in the United States navy has ceased to exist with the death of Admiral Porter, and will probably not be revived again unless the nation should be called upon to measure swords once more upon the field of battle. The lion hearted, fearless Farragut, was the first admiral, and David Dixon Porter was the last.

WHILE Grover C. is responding to dinner invitations and advocating cheap labor and dear money, Mr. Blaine is steadily obtaining reciprocal arrangements with our South American neighbors for the exchange of American products in the interest of our producers and laborers. This is the difference between a republican statesman and a democratic humbug.

The lying campaign which was conducted by the democracy last fall, especially as it referred to the McKinley bill is already beginning to react on that party. This is as it should be, and if republicans will teach thoroughly the true American policy of protection, from now until the 15th of November, 1892, there can be no question about the success of the party which has almost uninterruptedly guided the ship of state for the past thirty years with such marked success.

The Washington dispatches say that Senators Quay and Cameron and General Dudley are booming Alger, the lumber king, for President in 1892. This may all be very well, but the actions of General Alger in his efforts to obtain the nomination before do not rebound to his credit. The republican party has too many good and able men within its ranks to afford to take up this piece of cheap Michigan pine timber at the behest of the Quays and Dudleys.

The appointment by the president of ex-Governor Charles Foster, of Ohio, to be secretary of the treasury, is one of those wise selections for which President Harrison has made himself famous. The comments on the appointment from all quarters are of a very commendatory nature. The pre-eminent qualifications of Mr. Foster for the responsible position are everywhere admitted. Even the democratic press are unable to point out a flaw in the ex-governor's record, and are thus compelled to admit the wisdom of the president's choice.

The public life of ex-Governor Foster has been spotless, in private he has been a thoroughly successful business man, he is better known than was Winom when Garfield appointed him, much more of a statesman than Manning, the Albany politician, ever aspired to be; and the other secretary under Cleveland, Fairchild, falls into insignificance beside the Ohio man. Foster stands higher today than did Folger, or any other secretary of the treasury in the last twenty years, with the single exception of Honorable John Sherman.—Tale to Blade.

The democratic press during the last campaign particularly dwelt on the subject of silk plushes (on which the tariff was increased by the McKinley bill) asserting that the price had been almost doubled and that it would continue that way, for the reason that more than 75 per cent. of the silk plush used in this country was imported. What has been the result? Simply that democratic lie No. 784 has been exposed by the fact that silk plush is as cheap as it was be-

fore the McKinley act was passed, and by the further fact that vast firms are crossing the ocean to manufacture the article here so that in a few months competition will make silk plushes cheaper in the United States than they have ever been before or could have been when we were almost wholly subject to the whims and caprices of a foreign manufacturer. The following, which we clip from the American Economist, may prove very interesting reading to free traders as well as true Americans:

"On account of the excessive tariff on plushes enforced by the recent McKinley bill, Sir Titus Salt, Bart., Sons & Co., Limited, of Saltire, have decided to erect a manufactory for the purpose in America. Mr. Chas. Stead, the chairman, will immediately superintend the establishment of the new undertaking. A large part of the plushes of the company were exported to the United States under the former rates of duty. But as the new duties under the McKinley law are practically prohibitory the British concern has determined to remove its manufacturing plant to the United States.

They have leased the old Howe Sewing Machine Works in Bridgeport, which have been idle for several years, and as soon as they get their machinery shipped from England and set up in the new quarters, will take on about four hundred workmen and resume the making of plushes.

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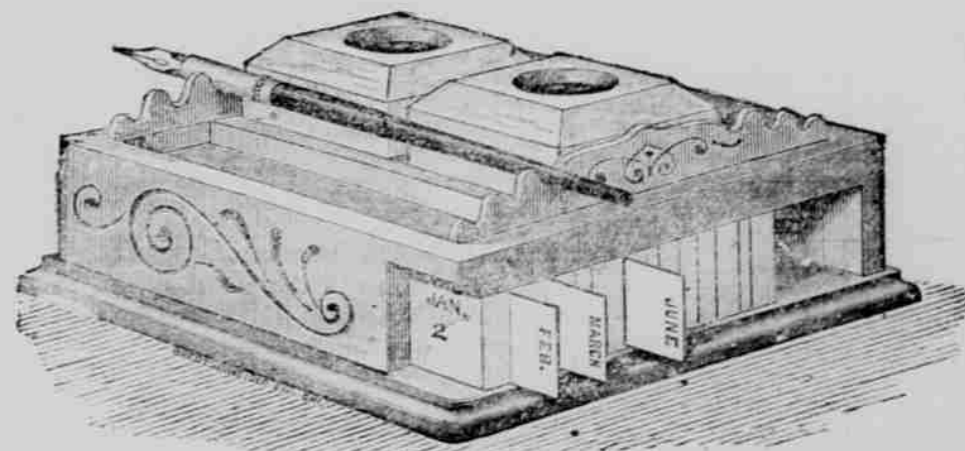
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