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Has anybody seen or heard tell of anybody else who has seen any "patriotic" editorials in the Little Loyalist of a recent date?

THE great need of this town is not only that business men shall sell as cheap as they do in Omaha, but that they shall have the courage to advertise the prices. That's the way to stop trade from going to Omaha. They can all do it if they adopt the cash principle.

THERE will be no actual trouble with Great Britain over the Venezuela matter. She has been so long accustomed to having her way in gobbling up the odds and ends of possessions the world round, that when Uncle Sam met her bluff it was a great surprise, but she will come to time handsomely. Make a note of this.

THE Crete Democrat thinks "now that Dick Outcalt, cashier of the defunct Capital National, has been declared innocent of any of the charges made against him by the jury, it will be in order for the U. S. court to jerk up all those who have lost money in that rotten institution and fine them for attempting to convict the officials of perjury and theft."

THERE is a good deal of affinity between wealth and aristocracy. The wealthy planters and merchants and bankers of Cuba are all found on the side of Spain and against the revolutionists. During America's struggle for independence the wealthy men of New York city were all Tories, and throughout the country the Tories were made up almost entirely of the men of wealth. In this aspect of things wealth of men or nations is not desirable.

THE American system of government is founded upon individual freedom; the European system is founded on the divine right of kings. Our government comes up from the citizen; the other comes down from the head. As our government is different so should our financial system be different. Ours should be framed so that it will tend to dissipate—scatter or diffuse—the wealth among the people instead of concentrate it in the hands of the few.

CONGRESS is denying itself the usual Christmas vacation in an endeavor to work out some scheme for the relief of the national treasury. The republican majority will take advantage of the situation to push for higher protective tariffs and for the issue of more bonds. The easy way out of the difficulty would be to start all the mints to work at full capacity turning out the popular—standard silver dollars, and issue orders for the execution of every Englishman who comes over here and talks treason against the people's money.—Papillion Times.

THE strange, unpatriotic and pro-English attitude of the Omaha Bee regarding the Venezuela dispute is rapidly bringing that newspaper into desrepute among citizens of this locality. Its publication of Geo. W. Smalley's letter Sunday, is especially condemned, because a more pronounced and detestable exhibition of disloyalty to everything American was never read by an American public. Smalley takes the side of the English in every respect and denounces the president and Mr. Olney for everything mean he can think of; and the Bee prints the letter on the first and second column of its first page, with every evidence of endorsement. That paper ought to be boycotted till it is brought to its senses, and to realize what loyalty to its country means.

THE attitude men take on the money question is a fair indication of their position on the Venezuelan dispute. Seeming to realize that their system depends upon the good will of England the goldbugs are found to be carping at the president and the Monros doctrine. In other words they are antagonistic to the independence of their own country. On the other hand, the men who favor bimetalism—the free coinage of gold and silver at 16 to 1—are uniformly and enthusiastically in favor of the Monroe doctrine, and for standing by the president in the position he has taken—of defiance to England and her schemes of plunder and robbery of American territory. The logic of this situation can be understood at a glance. The free coinage men are for freedom and independence from British rule in finance as well as in our foreign policy; the goldocracy is erected by British aristocracy and depends for success upon British favor. It is that policy which is making the times easy for the rich and hard for the poor, and the present situation shows that the rich, in their craze for gold, have lost their love of free institutions, while the poor—and that takes in the great mass of Americans—having little or no property to place their hearts upon, are alive to every patriotic impulse, and realize that freedom is their bulwark and defense against oppression.

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**Cuban Situation.**  
The situation in Cuba is daily becoming more interesting and critical. Three weeks ago the rebel forces were confined to the eastern half of the Island, Gomez and Maceo, their commanding generals having their army in the province of Puerto Principe—250 miles east of Havana, with what Gen. Campos, the Spanish commander, termed an impregnable wall of bayonets stretched across the island to prevent access into the country west. Since then the patriot army has broken through that wall, carrying fire and sword with them, destroying tobacco and sugar plantations and the railway lines as they went, fighting and whipping detached bodies of the Spanish army wherever they could pounce upon them, eluding the main army of Campos and with great strategy avoiding a general engagement, until they are now almost within sight of Havana. Gomez forces have advanced through the provinces of Santa Clara and Matangas two hundred miles, in the very face of a force four or five times as large as his own, and is now in full march upon the capital city having Gen. Campos and the Spanish army in his rear, frantically endeavoring to catch up with the fleet-footed natives. To be sure Campos has the sea route open by which he can move his troops from Matangas. Spanish reports from Havana brought the report Tuesday that a great battle was in progress, and later told of a great victory won over the insurgents, on a plantation between Cardenas and Matangas, but it turns out that only a small portion of Maceo's command was engaged just enough to hold the Spanish troops in check while the main army was getting out of the way and well on the road toward Havana, which seems to be the objective point of the onward march. Gomez entire command is said to be about 12,000 men, while the Spaniards have a force of fully 80,000 well-equipped men, mostly raw recruits from Spain. It is impossible to understand the object of Gomez strategy up to the present time, but thus far it has had the effect of frightening the wits out of the Spaniards, and it can be well assumed that as long as he is doing what the Spaniards do not want him to do he is doing just the right thing. The Cuban cause has wonderfully brightened lately.

THERE is a son of the late General McClellan in the house, Geo. B. McClellan, who represents one of the New York City districts. Tammany Hall, the friend of his father, picked him up a few years ago, elected him an alderman by the biggest majority ever given anyone for that office in the city of New York, and while in that position he way acting mayor of the city during the several absences of Gilroy. Later they sent him to congress. The Tammany people always look after their friends, and in young McClellan there is promising material for a big leader. His first bill was to authorize the president to confer military commissions on all those officers who had been appointed by Abraham Lincoln but had not been confirmed, though they had served in the rank conferred.

THE republicans in the house of congress have passed a temporary bill adding about 60 per cent to the duties under the Wilson bill, and have the impudence to say it is "a tariff for revenue only," and to meet present emergencies. They then postponed their holiday recess in order to pass a bond bill—giving the secretary of the treasury power to issue coin bonds at three per cent. Neither of these are the measures suggested or desired by the secretary—and now they boast of their patriotism! Both of these measures bear the impress of the "cuteness" of the man from Maine, but they show no evidence of statesmanship. They seem to fall into line with the president's goldbug policy without doing so in fact—giving him to understand that they agree with him, but have not the courage to say so. Both measures are cowardly political makeshifts, and never will be passed by the senate.

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**IGNORANT OR DISHONEST—WHICH?**

Hon. Grover Cleveland, President: After discussing at length the manner in which the greenbacks and treasury notes are used to drain the treasury of gold, you say: "I have ventured to express myself on this subject with earnestness and plainness of speech." Have you, as a matter of fact, expressed yourself with plainness of speech? Do you not know that the retirement of greenbacks and treasury notes is powerless to protect the treasury so long as you refuse to recognize silver as a standard money equal with gold in legal tender qualities? How, according to your idea, can the government maintain the parity between gold and silver except by redeeming silver dollars and silver certificates in gold or demand?

If, after the retirement of greenbacks and treasury notes, you refuse to furnish gold on demand to those presenting silver or silver certificates will not gold go to premium according to the same theory which has led you to redeem greenbacks and treasury notes in gold? If you expect to follow the retirement of greenbacks and treasury notes with a proposition to retire silver dollars and silver certificates, why do you not use enough "plainness of speech" to convey that idea to the American people now? Have you neglected to follow out the gold standard to its logical conclusion, or do you shrink from disclosing the heartless and merciless steps yet to be taken by the worshippers of the yellow metal?

Those who believe in bimetalism warned you two years ago that a repeal of the Sherman law was impotent to relieve the people; were you ignorant then or did you purposely deceive? The believers in bimetalism warn you now that a retirement of greenbacks and treasury notes is impotent to bring relief. Are you grossly ignorant of the subject, or do you practice deception while you profess candor? Tell the American people what you intend to do with the silver now in circulation; are you going to redeem it in gold and thus continue the drain on the treasury, or is silver to be recognized as a standard money? Are you ignorant or dishonest, which?—Omaha World Herald.

**REPRESENTATIVE WHEELER**, of Alabama, has introduced a bill in congress to reduce the salaries of all government officials who receive \$5,000 or more, 20 per cent and all salaries which exceed \$800, 10 per cent. This is a move in the right direction and were it submitted to the vote of the people of the United States it would be carried by an overwhelming majority. There is no question that a salary of \$4,000 a year now purchases more of all the necessities of life, including food and clothing, than \$5,000 would three years ago. All salaries in this country are too high, from the president of the United States, with his \$50,000 per annum, down to the man who cleans the spittoons at the capital at \$75 a month. Neither the government nor the state has any right to pay a higher salary than is necessary to secure competent service and every cent over that is an unjust exaction imposed upon the taxpayers. Representative Wheeler's bill will not pass congress. It will never get out of the committee room, yet it is a fair and just bill, expressing really the demands of the people. But political parties are no longer organized on the lines of the country's interest, but selfishness is the dominant factor and each party tries to see how much it can get out of the treasury for its fellows.—Nebraska City News.

THE contention by Great Britain could not be more concisely stated and shown up than it was in the wind-up of Mr. Olney's "note" to Salisbury, recently published, as follows: "Thus, as already intimated, the British demand that her right to a portion of the disputed territory shall be acknowledged before she will consent to any arbitration as to the rest, seems to stand upon nothing but her own ipse dixit. She says to Venezuela, in substance, 'you can get none of the debatable land by force, because you're not strong enough; you can get none by treaty, because I will not agree, and you can take your chance of getting a portion by arbitration only if you first agree to abandon to me such other portion as I may designate!' It is not perceived how such an attitude can be defended nor how it is reconcilable with that love of justice and fair play so eminently characteristic of the English race. It in effect deprives Venezuela of her free agency and puts her under virtual duress. Territory acquired by reason of it will be as much wrested from her by the strong hand as if occupied by British troops or covered by British fleets. It seems, therefore, quite impossible that this portion of Great Britain should be assented to by the United States."

**HOT TALK BY INGALLS.**

"The president's message is an adroit appeal to the profoundest passion of the American people," said ex-Senator John J. Ingalls to a reporter. "Our conception of the Monroe doctrine is vague, and our love for Venezuela is platonic, but we all hate England. It is hereditary. It is so intense that it obliterates party lines, effaces sectionalism and makes us homogenous. We divide on protection on silver, on the race question, but in our hatred of England we are unanimous. The sloppy diplomatic twaddle about kindred blood, and a common language, deceives nobody. We feel that England is our only enemy among the great powers of the earth. It has been so from the beginning of our history. At every crisis in our affairs we have encountered the secret or open hostility of England, and the tone of her press has always been cynical, sneering and contemptuous. "But there will be no war. Like all ruffians and bullies, England is a coward and poltroon when it comes to a showdown; she never fights her equals; she kicks women and children; she bullies Turkey, Egypt, Hindoostan, South Sea Islanders and African tribes and tyrannizes over the weak and feeble but when Grant notified her that she must pay for the depredations her pirates committed on our commerce in the rebellion, or take the consequences she accepted the Geneva award and sent her check for \$15,500,000 in full settlement of our claim."

**EDITOR RAKER** of the Gretna Reporter has been sentenced to serve a year in the penitentiary for uttering a constructive libel, by Judge Scott of Omaha, and in passing this sentence Judge Scott has committed a greater offense against good order of society and the freedom of the press than the editor committed in either criticizing the court or in telling the truth as to the foreman of the grand jury. It is clearly a case of judicial tyranny, or the desire to "get even" with newspapers who criticize courts—and especially Judge Scott's court. The supreme court has been appealed to and will doubtless prevent the execution of the sentence.

**ADOLPH LANDENBERG**, who is evidently a banker, writes an article for the January Forum, in which he attempts to set out the desirability of a complete combination of the banking concerns of the country into one grand clearing-house, so that all the transactions might be centralized and passed on by the ultimate or central manager. Of course he favors the gold standard, and decries the free coinage of silver, putting it on a par with the "unlimited printing of greenbacks," and the "issuance of paper money against real estate." Of course from such an unreasoning, bigoted source no good thing could be expected—and the reader is not disappointed. That writer evidently thinks the banks own the earth, and all they have to do is to put a fence around it.

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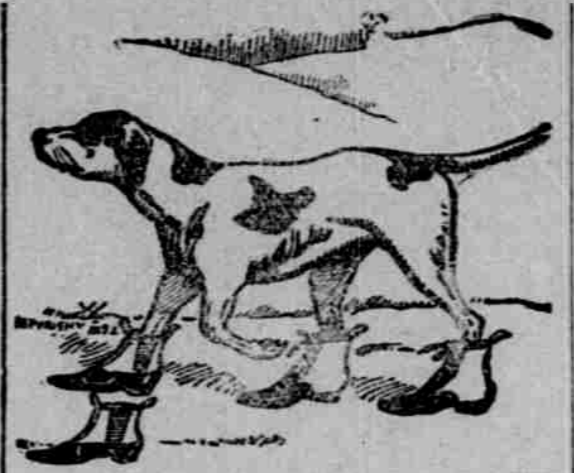
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