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The Iowa legislature has passed the bill raising the age of consent in girls from 13 to 16 years.

ONE year from yesterday Grover will arch 4th from the white house into retirement, thank the Lord.

The kind of bimetalism John Sherman wants to lead the republican party into the gold standard, with subsidiary silver coin.

For seventy years France practiced metallism and gold and silver were ways on a parity there at 15 to 1. In England was on a gold basis, at 15 to 1.

THE consensus of opinion among Washington correspondents is that politics is in a formative state throughout the country, and that there is likely to be a new alignment of all the parties before election time.

A WASHINGTON dispatch says the British ambassador and the Venetian minister have entered into direct negotiations for the settlement of the Uruban incident, which involved the arrest of a British police official in the disputed territory, out of which grew the president's message on the Monroe doctrine.

A TOWN has no more right to depend its success on its natural advantages than a man has to depend upon wife's religion to get to heaven. The harmonious work of the whole people on a progressive plane that lifts them out of the ruts and puts it on a solid road which leads to unalloyed success.—Tucumseh Journal.

THE Iowa city elections occurred today and as usual generally, were favorable to the republicans. There is, on the average, no perceptible change in sentiment. Geo. Carson, the republican candidate, was elected mayor of Council Bluffs by 38 votes, less from last year of nearly 500. Election will be contested on account of frauds.

SENATOR MANDERSON is out in a fever announcing that he is a veritable candidate for president, and is not a walking horse for somebody else. It is very noticeable that the press which has been howling so loudly for McKinley has been singing very softly of late. Nobody has any idea that coercion was used to change the sentiment, but the fact illustrates that strange things sometimes happen in politics.

At Barcelona, Spain, a mob was organized Sunday, which attacked the American consulate shouting "down with the Yankees," and threw stones at the windows—all because of the action of the American senate in voting in favor of the recognition of the belligerent rights of the Cubans. Everything indicates that the hot-headed Spaniards are aroused to a pitch of indignation over the matter. Their action will not mend matters.

JOHN C. TARSNEY of Missouri, who turned out of congress the other day, richly deserved the fate that met him. He was a bimetalist up to a point, when, thinking to curry favor with Czar Reed because he had a seat for his seat in the present contest on his hands, and knowing that the contestant was a free coinage man, he turned his coat and has since deceived his friends by voting with the bugs. He will now go down to the name of a traitor. The republicans in the house were not to be caught by chaff as he threw at them.

THE U. S. senate Friday passed a resolution recognizing the belligerent rights of the Cuban revolutionists, and also looking to the independence of Cuba. The resolutions adopted by a vote of sixty-four to thirty, and this indicates, as well as the well-known temper of the house, they will also pass that body, as they are to be acted on Monday. There is really no apprehension of a war with Spain over the matter because Spain is too wise to take a course.

WHO IS JUDGE CALDWELL?

Judge Caldwell seems to be one of the occupants of the higher judicial bench who isn't a truckler to combines and trusts. How he holds his position—or how he ever got it—is more than we can understand. Fremont Herald.

Before the war Henry Clay Caldwell was a studious, popular and good looking young lawyer of Bloomfield, Iowa, having for competitors at the bar such men as H. H. Trimble, Cyrus Bussey and James B. Weaver, all of whom won more or less distinction as soldiers during the war. He raised a battalion of cavalry, and on the organization of the third cavalry regiment from that state, was appointed major of the first battalion, under Bussey and Trimble. Trimble was disabled by a severe wound at Pea Ridge, and Caldwell took his place as lieutenant colonel, becoming colonel early in 1864, on the promotion of Bussey. During the spring of that year the U. S. district court for Arkansas was organized and Colonel Caldwell, then in command of his regiment at Memphis, was appointed judge of that court by Abraham Lincoln; and he is one of the few—if, indeed not the only—judges of Lincoln's appointment remaining on the bench in the United States. He was a courageous, manly soldier, was popular with the men, who greatly regretted his departure from their command. Unlike Judge Brewer and many others, he got his appointment before the corporations had corrupted or demoralized so many of the brightest and best members of the bar, and he has kept himself aloof from that debasing influence. Judge Caldwell is of the right stuff out of which to make presidents.

Duty of the United States.

Of the members of the U. S. senate none are ready in debate or on occasion so eloquent as Senator Vest of Missouri. He made a brief impromptu speech on the Cuban resolutions Friday, which for genuine patriotic fervor and eloquence has seldom been equalled in late years. We quote a single paragraph as an example:

"We, Mr. President, are confronted with one overwhelming, overruling, absolute, and determinate resolution in this debate. Shall we, the great exemplar of republican institutions throughout the world, declare that, in our opinion, the people of Cuba are able to maintain their independence and have achieved it? Are we to wait until that island is desolated by fire and sword? Are we, a Christian and God-fearing people to stand silent and dumb while the Spanish governor, called a general, declares that he intends to pen up the people of Cuba and butcher them into submission to the Spanish throne? Sir, if we do it God will curse us. If we do this thing and stand here until a desert has been made of that splendid island, you may be certain that the time will come when there will be retribution upon us as a people, because we have not been true to the task assigned us by Providence, because we have not cherished the legacy of self government as bequeathed to us by our fathers."

That Debate.

THE Congressional Record of the 26th ult., contains the wonderful speech of Senator Carter of Montana in vindication of his course in voting against taking up the house revenue bill, and the sharp debate which followed between Hoar, Sherman and Teller, as to the meaning of the Minneapolis platform, when it declared that—

"The American people, from tradition and interest, favor bimetalism, and the republican party demands the use of both gold and silver as standard money."

And that debate ought to be issued in pamphlet form and be read by everybody. That old fraud, John Sherman, was never shown up in all his inconsistency so completely as he was by Senator Teller, when his argument was likened to that of a "bunco game."

A RUMOR seems to be gaining strength that Gen. Weyler, the brute who was recently put in charge of the Spanish forces in Cuba, is about to resign. The force of public opinion in this country, generated by the debate in the U. S. senate, in which Weyler's former conduct was severely condemned, is believed to have been too strong for him to bear. In any other army save that of Spain Weyler would not be allowed to command in any capacity.

ANOTHER Omaha concern—the Omaha Fire Insurance company, went to the wall this week. Those aristocratic Omaha bankers who have gone crazy in defense of the gold standard ought to have taken some of the gold they have been putting into government bonds and helped out this young insurance company, which was doing a good, safe business before the country felt the blighting effects of Cleveland's republican financial policy.—Papillion Times.

Characteristically Martin.

How characteristic it is for little men to ape the importance of big men! There is Enclid Martin, who, by virtue of his truckling to Morton and Cleveland, is postmaster at Omaha, and who, several years ago, was chairman of the Nebraska state committee, but was beaten for re-election by a vote of four to one in the state convention, but is now supposed to be head of the bolting wing of the democracy in this state, has rushed forth in an interview upon the challenge issued to this renegade crew by the regular democracy, and declares that it cannot be considered. Martin states that this challenge comes from men who were democrats once but are democrats no longer, that the proposition might as well have come from the populists as from the silver wing and that the ancient, initiated and superior order of postmasters in Nebraska will hold their convention and elect delegates regardless of the aid or consent of any organization on earth. The interview is characteristic of Martin. From the start it turns with scornful allusions to the Nebraska democracy, and overflows with Martinian braggadocio. It reads like Martin talks—in a manner showing the smallness and narrowness of the little, contemptible, brassy nonentity who draws a salary from the government and feels called upon to bow himself in the dust at the crook of Cleveland's finger, or to clothe himself in sack cloth and ashes when his lord and master, J. Sterling Morton, turns his eyes to the west. For this kind of a political reprobate to set himself up as a democrat is gall immeasurable. For a man of his calibre to attempt to read out of the party an overwhelming majority thereof, and constitute himself the political boss of the Nebraska democracy, is the height of imbecility. Enclid Martin is a creature of politics who has received all together too much consideration from his party, and it has turned his head. Let him suffer the full effect of a forced retirement from politics for a while and his blatant vaporings will cease.

Much as the republicans of the east profess to be devoted to protection and bimetalism, events have occurred in the senate which have laid bare their false pretenses, and prove beyond a peradventure that they really are more anxious to maintain the gold standard than to a protective tariff. Senator Carter cauterized them by a speech of rare power and clearness on Wednesday, and Senator Allen unmasked their false pretenses, compelling them to choose between the gold standard and a protective tariff, offering to furnish the votes necessary to pass a protective measure if coupled with a free coinage measure. These goldbug republicans have stripped themselves naked before their enemies, and can no longer pose in any other light than as worshippers of the golden calf.

THERE is a screw loose somewhere. The Nebraska City News has an account of what it calls "a meeting of the democrats of Missouri," and in describing the men composing the meeting, it says:

"All of them knew when they left their homes, and know now, that they were making themselves targets for violent abuse and placing themselves under the ban of proscription, if proscription rules in the democratic party of Missouri."

Has it come to this, that "the democrats" of Missouri cannot meet without being placed under the ban of "proscription," and if so, we should like to know who is going to proscribe them? Hasn't our good neighbor slipped a cog somewhere? To be honest, now, were not those men a lot of money-loaning vagrants who call themselves "democrats" simply from force of habit, who haven't a real democratic sentiment in their narrow souls?

THE coming of Messrs. Bryan and Laws on Saturday evening next, has awakened anew the interest in the money question, and has set people to wondering what new phases of the question will be discussed. It would be an interesting feature of the meeting if those who cannot see their way clear to favor bimetalism were to put such questions to the speakers as would settle the points on which they are in doubt. There never was a more courteous gentleman to an auditor who asked him questions than Mr. Bryan, and no doubt he would esteem it a favor to have questions propounded to him.

THE Chicago Record's Columbus, O., letter, written by a trusted correspondent, states that "in the Buckeye state even the dormant democracy is growing active in preparation for the coming fight within its own ranks for the control of the party on the money question. It is almost certain at this time that the democracy will face about on that question and be just as radical for silver as it was against it a

year ago. The magnificent army which Calvin S. Brice led to victory at Springfield a year ago has apparently vanished from the earth and only here and there can its scattered forces be seen. The appearance in the city last week of Jesse M. Lewis of Urbana, the famous silver chieftain, gives a decided impetus to the purpose of the silver people, who say that they will control the next delegation to Chicago. This does not seem to be an idle threat, either; from present appearances, with the gold democrats silent and inactive, there is every possibility of the delegation going two-thirds for silver to Chicago."

NEBRASKA NEWS.

Mrs. Jessie Moon of Ashland was thrown from a carriage and dangerously hurt Thursday.

The 15-year-old son of W. J. McCracken of St. Paul was kicked by a horse and is probably fatally hurt.

James Spencer of Nebraska City, while working in a ditch, was covered by a ton of earth. He was seriously hurt, but will recover.

The farmers at Juniata are busy sowing spring wheat and rye and preparing their oats and corn ground, which is very fine condition. Many have begun plowing.

Lombard post, Grand Army of the Republic, of North Loup has completed the refurnishing of a new hall, supplying it with new carpet, etc., throughout, and dedicated it with a social "house warming."

A. J. Henry, ex-clerk of the district court of Howard county, has been sued by the Citizens' National bank of St. Paul for collecting illegal fees as clerk of the district court. Suit was brought for \$111.90 overcharge and penalty.

Ed Oliver, the butcher, will soon move his family into town and occupy the Range property on Tenth and Walnut streets. Druggist O. H. Snyder will remove from the latter place to the Timothy Clark house, on South Sixth street.

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