

News of the Week

There was a treasury agent by the name of Wm. H. Theobald at New York who has been making it unpleasant for the millionaires who attempted to smuggle in goods when they returned from their European tours. He said to an Associated press reporter: "I have discovered hundreds of wealthy persons smuggling goods into this country in the seven years of my service. They have had to turn over thousands of dollars to the government. I have kept a complete record of these persons and the disposition of their cases." For that sort of work Mr. Theobald has been removed from office. Serves him right. Think of a republican officeholder making the millionaires pay tariff duties! He ought to have known better.

There are some things so mixed up in the articles in the financial columns and editorials in the great dailies that no pop can make any sense out of them. They declare that the rate of exchange on Mexican silver dollars in the Philippines is 2.90. In the very next column will be seen an article saying that the rate in Mexico is 10 or 15 cents less. Is gold worth more in the Philippines than in Mexico? The dispatches also say that "the leading farmers in the interior and planters throughout Mexico say they do not care if the dollar falls to 30 cents, as only the city merchants and importers want gold." That shows that these Mexican farmers have more sense than the mullet head agriculturalists of the United States possess, who in 1896 voted the gold-bug ticket, went home, put more patches on their pants and declared that all they wanted was "money that was good in Europe."

According to the report of the interstate commerce commission, the net earnings of the railroads last year were \$605,615,735, being an increase over the preceding year of \$51,395,421. In the face of these enormous net earnings, the roads increase rates everywhere. The policy of the future is to be the policy of the past, that is, charge all the traffic will bear. It will continue to be that way as long as the roads are private property. There is but one solution of the railroad question and that is public ownership.

The president does not propose in his fight on the "lily whites" to recognize the ability and fitness for office of colored men outside of the southern states. His rule is to apply to part of the country only. He will appoint no colored man as revenue collector or postmaster, no matter what his qualifications may be, in cities like New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Buffalo or any other leading northern city. The recognition of merit in colored men is to be strictly confined to democratic states south of Mason and Dixon's line.

A labor union in New Jersey has secured a temporary injunction against the Jonas Glass company, prohibiting that company from interfering with the labor organization. The old proverb says, "What is sass for the goose should be sass for the gander," and now we will see whether courts believe in that proverb or not.

The Virginia constitution recently adopted, disfranchising the negroes, is soon to come before the United States supreme court and ex-Secretary John G. Carlisle has offered his services to the negroes to fight their case for them. The whole south is astonished and the gold democrats down there are the most astonished of all.

Paintings by Vassili Verestchagin, which I have been on exhibition in New York city, were sold at auction in the grand ball-room of the Waldorf-Astoria, Wednesday evening, and the net result was \$43,045, of which \$18,000 came from a Brooklyn man for the picture of San Juan hill, entitled, "Come, on Boys!" representing Colonel Roosevelt leading the charge up a hill where history says he never was.

The duty on coal costs the city of Boston and suburbs half a million a year and the Home Market club insists that if the people there are not forced to contribute that amount each year, that a universal business collapse will ensue. So sure are the members of the club of that fact that they denounce every man who denies it as a traitor.

Teddy does not always make his civil service reform ideas keep at a parity. A man, according to his theories, should never be removed from office as long as he performs the duties of the office faithfully and well, and especially should he never be removed for political reasons. But the other day he removed the United States attorney of Alabama for purely

political reasons and says so in a public letter. This attorney had taken an active part in the organization of the "lily white" republican party in the south.

There was some sort of a proceeding, it seems, in the circuit court of the United States in Virginia concerning the disfranchisement of negroes, probably in the form of injunction, which was dismissed by Chief Justice Fuller, but the case was so bunglingly reported by the Associated press that it is impossible to make anything out of it except that it was appealed to the supreme court. Certificates of election were immediately issued to all the Virginia congressmen as soon as the decision was announced. Captain Wise, who conducted the case for the negroes, remarked that he was going to Washington and have the case brought up in the house. He said, however, that "the republican party in Washington lacks backbone, even the president. He invites Booker T. Washington to dinner and all that sort of thing, but if sixteen negroes were shot down by the White house it would not trouble him a bit."

Senator Frye, in an interview in the Outlook, in speaking of a reciprocity treaty with Canada, says: "We once had one, with benefit to Canada, and little or none to us. When, under its terms, notice to abrogate could be given, I offered a resolution in the senate requesting the president to give the notice, and it was adopted without division; notice was given and the treaty abrogated." The facts are that the treaty was abrogated in 1866 and that Senator Frye did not get into the senate until 1871. The tariff senators are often very inaccurate, but Senator Frye is the most reckless of them all.

Congressman Loud of California is making a great deal of noise over his defeat. He blames it all on the letter carriers, because he defeated a bill for an increase in their wages. The truth about the matter is that every publisher in the United States and every weekly paper fought Loud's reelection with all means in their power. When things came to such a pass that an underlying at Washington could make regulations—which had all the force of law—enabling partisan postmasters to refuse to forward through the mails a weekly paper whenever the notion suited, unless the editor put a stamp on every paper, editors and publishers concluded that it was time to put the man who was at the bottom of it all out of the halls of congress and they proceeded to do it with such an overwhelming majority that it ended his political career as far as an elective office is concerned. But Loud will get some big federal appointment by the time his term expires.

For months the New York Sun has commented bitterly upon every utterance of the president which could be construed to be adverse to the trusts or any indication of the enforcement of the Sherman anti-trust act. Lately it has gone into fulsome praise of Grover Cleveland. J. Pierpont Morgan owns the Sun.

The elevated and underground rapid transit companies of New York have "merged" and none has asked for an injunction. The next important election is two years distant.

John Quincy Adams ran on the socialist ticket for lieutenant governor in Massachusetts and received 4,000 more votes than any other man on the ticket. It is futile to ask "What's in a name?" after that.

The Brooklyn Eagle, a democratic paper that never says anything that would in the least antagonize the republican party, has laid the foundation for a new plant double its present size. There is money in being an "assistant republican." Perhaps as much as any of the regulars get.

When the editor of The Independent, then in his "teens," started out to make speeches for Fremont, free speech and free men, he was in the habit of telling the democrats that they were old mossbacks and still voting for Andrew Jackson, while the principles for which Andrew Jackson stood and which had made Old Hickory famous for all time, had been discarded. In last week's Independent was published a letter from Mr. O. B. Whitford of Butte, Mont., in which that gentleman said: "I shall never denounce the administration that freed the slaves, and gave us our homestead laws." Mr. Whitford evidently is still voting for Abraham Lincoln, though he votes for a party that has abandoned every principle that Abraham Lincoln advocated and especially those contained in his Beardstown speech, which was printed in the same issue of The Independent that contained Mr. Wanford's letter.

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President Roosevelt and General Miles are as far apart in their opinions concerning the present conditions in the Philippines as they were concerning the conduct of the war. Roosevelt says that progress and prosperity there are "astounding," but General Miles, after traveling over a large part of the islands, said to the Associated press agent at Manila that he "found the people generally impoverished from the effects of the war and the pestilence which followed it, and I fear some may suffer from famine. The death of farm animals leaves the people no means of recovery."

The dailies have made a great deal out of the fact that several of the trunk line of railways have recently raised wages some 10 per cent, but they have very little to say concerning the agreement reached among these lines to raise the freight rates so that the net income of the roads will be increased about five times as much as the increase in wages. While the roads remain in private hands there is no use trying to tax them or to make them pay higher wages out of their income. If taxes are increased or wages raised, they immediately proceed to take four or five times as much more out of their patrons than the raise in wages or taxes amounts to. There is only one way to settle the railroad question and that is the populist way. Sooner or later that way will be adopted.

One London hotel refused to entertain Gates, the Wall street magnate, on account of his filthy habits and vile profanity. He was told to get out, for that hotel was for the entertainment of well-bred and decent people. There are a good many more of that same kind of millionaires, but they run the government of the United States.

The Chicago Record-Herald remarks that "many things which were considered populist a few years ago and extremely vicious and dangerous have gained enormously among the masses of both republicans and democrats. Government ownership is by no means the bogey that it once was, and what was orthodox denunciation in the past would be considered extravagant nonsense now."

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