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GERMANY AND SILVER.

There will be no surprise at the statement made by the German chancellor in the Reichstag that the government deems it undesirable to take the lead in calling an international monetary conference to consider the silver problem.

The German government had no intention of inviting a conference of the nations on this subject, notwithstanding the fact that all the federal governments of the Empire had requested that this be done, and the Reichstag had voted in favor of it.

Whether it would have taken the initiative in this matter if the present British ministry, as was hoped would be the case, had shown more favorable consideration to international bimetallicism is questionable, but as soon as it was found that no encouragement from this source would be given the bimetallic movement its abandonment by the German government became assured.

The German chancellor admits that the fall in the price of silver has been damaging to German silver mining, and to the export trade to silver countries, but he can see no present prospect of an understanding with the countries interested in international commerce. He points out that a condition precedent to the unlimited free coinage of silver is the opening of the mints of India, and this is not expected within measurable time.

It may be regarded as certain, therefore, that the decision of the German government not to call an international monetary conference disposes of this matter indefinitely. What effect this will have upon the cause of bimetallicism remains to be seen, but it would seem that its tendency must be to check agitation of that policy, at least in Europe.

The report to the effect that Americans resident in Havana are apprehensive of violence from the Spaniards by reason of the strong sympathy of our people with the insurgents may not be well founded. It is possible that it was sent out with a view to strengthening American sympathy with the insurgents and influencing the feeling in congress favorable to according belligerent rights to the Cuban patriots.

It is said that the Spanish government has given assurance to our government that the campaign in Cuba is to be continued without undue rigor. The rights of American citizens in Cuba are secured by treaty, but it is urged that our government might at this juncture very properly adopt measures which will insure Spanish respect for treaty obligations.

According to Congressional Hall of Missouri, cowardice is the greatest sin of American statesmen. Yet American statesmen are constantly parading their patriotism and love of country and proclaiming their willingness to uphold the honor of their country whenever it is called upon to protect itself against foreign foes.

What the people of this city, and in fact every city in the state, want just now is that every bushel of surplus grain be put upon the market at good prices. It costs shippers 10 cents a bushel to transport corn from the river to Chicago.

resolves itself into this. Shall Omaha defer the erection of a market house for a few years or shall it grant a franchise to some private corporation or individual to establish and maintain a market, subject to municipal control and regulation?

The house committee has reported favorably upon the bill appropriating \$800,000 for the construction of the west wing of the Omaha postoffice building, as originally planned.

When the council was discussing the tax levy one of its members made the assertion that every city department would spend every cent that was placed at its disposal.

Collis P. Huntington persists in saying that the Central Pacific means to repay the government 100 cents for every dollar of debt owed to it. A person unfamiliar with the situation would suppose the only thing preventing the Central Pacific from paying up was the refusal of the United States to accept the proffered money.

The State Board of Agriculture and patrons of the state fair in general will doubtless applaud the effort being made to pave a roadway from the city to the state fair grounds.

There are, of course, the very best of reasons why peddlers should be required to secure licenses or permits to carry on their business in the city, but in times like these there are men who cannot raise the license fee, and must engage in the traffic or starve.

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The action of the house of representatives on Monday morning in its resolution to appropriate of a small sum of money for a German (Catholic) orphan asylum in the District of Columbia appears to justify the boast of the A. P. A. that they have their servants in congress. At any rate, this movement was attributed to the instigation of the A. P. A., and the charge was very soon contradicted.

in the gubernatorial field. O'Neill Frontiers: If Jack McCollins had known that the other candidates will all know they have been to a convention. Papillon Times: The best argument in favor of Eugene Moore's candidacy for governor is that he is opposed by that city rascal, Frank Hilton.

Stanton Pickett: Already a few democratic and populist papers have begun assailing Charles McKim for governor. He has a host of friends who are enthusiastically with him and you may rest assured he will win a big showing in the state convention.

Stanton Pickett: A great many papers are losing a good deal of sleep because they are afraid Tom Majors is going to be a candidate for governor. Let them know he wants to be a candidate—a defeat such as Majors received at the hands of the republicans of Nebraska, is enough to sour the nerves of a politician.

Stanton Pickett: Gene Moore's gubernatorial boom seems to be gathering strength as time advances. The people know that if elected to that position he would give statesmen a clean, wholesome administration, and that is just what they want.

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POLITICAL POINTERS.

Reed and Allison control the District of Columbia delegation to St. Louis. It is expected the Morrison boom will be formally launched by the Wauabesee club of Chicago on the 22d.

McKinley supporters in Illinois are organized to resist every effort of grand old man to launch a few days ago. Seven McKinley clubs have been organized in Chicago within two weeks.

It is the opinion of politicians, according to the New York Sun, that Speaker Reed is certain to be re-elected. He has a substantial support than any previous eastern candidate was able to take from his own section to a republican national convention.

It is an old saying in American politics, says the New York Sun, that the road to the white house does not lead through the United States senate. It leads through the state legislatures.

The new bonds would make very acceptable valentines for the older generation. The popularity of the administration's loans is more a matter of interest than of affection.

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NEBRASKA MILITARY SCHOOL.

Senator Reporter: Congressman Meeker is invited to credit credit for securing the transfer of Fort Omaha to the state of Nebraska for school of instruction for the national guard.

Plattsburgh News: Congressman Meeker seems to be far more successful than Bryan was in getting what he goes after. The house committee has reported favorably upon the bill providing for the transfer of Fort Omaha to the state of Nebraska for a military school and place of rendezvous for the state militia.

Wayne Herald: It is to be hoped that Congressman Meeker's bill providing for the transfer of Fort Omaha to the state of Nebraska, and which has passed the house, will become a law.

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woman in Wellfleet, Neb., a few days ago. The woman is wealthy, the wife of a bank president. Revival services were in progress in the town. She became converted, and one night gave her "experience."

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