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Christmas comes in three weeks, but the plans will not be ready for distribution for at least three months.

South Dakota politics will soon be worn enough to save the cost of coal for South Dakota stoves and furnaces which this winter.

Congress begins its session before the various state legislatures meet, but the state legislatures will not take long to catch up with the national legislature.

The Hilton case tried at Lincoln has shown up some of the abuses that existed when the office of state oil inspector was run on a purely revenue basis.

So we may have a cabinet officer from Nebraska after all in the person of Major General Clarkson, who has just made a tour of the enemy's country with his staff.

It begins to look as if the burglars will have to look to the safe at the police court before the police will learn that burglars are more than ordinarily common.

Following Secretary Morton's free expression of his views on the currency, the opinions of Secretary Carlisle on the nation's agricultural interests will be awaited with anxiety.

After the people of Omaha shall be given a revised charter it will be incumbent upon them to secure city officials who will not violate the charter on every possible occasion.

The irrigation congress to be held at Phoenix, Ariz., this month will be of more than usual interest to Nebraska people, notwithstanding the fact that the ditches in this state are already frozen over.

It was to be expected that the Fokery would endeavor to make capital out of the grist which its own wheels ground out in the shape of faked denunciations of the Bee by Tom Patterson's Denver organ.

You will have to keep your ear to the ground a long time before you hear one word of protest from the official organ of the council combine against the jobs that are being railroaded through the expiring month of the present council.

The two watchdogs of the city treasury who are now trying to revise the charter in the direction of economy are both registered in favor of the electric lighting job. They are very anxious to lop off \$1,200 or \$1,500 from the city pay roll, but they do not haggle over a contract involving thousands upon thousands of dollars.

Some surprise was felt at the action of the council in sustaining the mayor's veto of an iniquitous attempt on the part of certain local contractors to evade the city building ordinance, until that action was explained by the fact that the contractors had already abandoned their nefarious scheme and put in foundation walls of the required strength.

Senator Peffer has had himself interviewed at length. The senator is so full of rare information and peculiar ideas which he wants to communicate to the public that he cannot wait until the senate reconvenes next week. In fact he expects to relish all he ever said once more in the Congressional Record without depending on or asking for a leave to print.

The distribution of the county poor relief is one of the most important parts of the county business. It requires the exercise of sound judgment to discriminate between worthy applicants and worthless impostors. The methods employed have been vastly improved in recent years, but constant watchfulness is needed to insure the public that the public charity reaches the deserving public for whom it is intended.

Testimony in the Hilton case is to the effect that the Standard Oil Company's only excuse for paying what the law required was its fear that The Bee would expose the omission. The oil company sized it up accurately so far as The Bee is concerned. It is a pretty commentary on the state press, however, that The Bee is held to be sufficiently independent to voice the real sentiments of the people.

BUSINESS AND THE TARIFF.

Those who deprecate agitation for a revision of the tariff, on the ground that business requires rest and an opportunity to recuperate, do not reflect the dominant sentiment in the industrial interests of the country. Every organization representing the manufacturers of the country that has made a declaration on the subject has pronounced in favor of revising the present tariff law.

In the interest of both protection and more revenue, there is no demand from this source for extreme legislation, such as might possibly have the effect to unsettle business. The general sentiment appears to be that tariff changes should be made on conservative lines, so that the adjustment of business to them would be simple and easy, but it is certainly true that the practically universal judgment of the interests affected by the tariff is that the country must have a tariff not more favorable to its industries than the existing law and which will furnish the government with more revenue.

It is manifestly absurd to talk of continuing a tariff policy which has operated so disastrously to American industries and labor and has utterly failed to produce needed revenue. The verdict of the people at the polls in November was to a very large extent a protest against this policy. Of the more than 7,000,000 voters who supported the republican ticket it is not an exaggeration to say that at least two-thirds of them did so in the expectation that if the republican party was successful it would give the country a tariff embodying republican principles. They voted for protection as well as for sound money, very many of them, undoubtedly, being influenced more by the former consideration than the latter. Hence the republican party is bound, as well by its pledge to the country as by the popular verdict, to frame a new tariff law, fair to do this would be a lamentable betrayal of the confidence which the people reposed in the party and would justly condemn it to distrust and to defeat in the future.

There is no sound reason why business should be in the least disturbed or unsettled by the prospect of republican tariff revision. It does not threaten to tear down and destroy, as did democratic success four years ago. A republican tariff contemplates now, as it always has, the fostering and development of home industries and the improvement of the condition of American labor. It means more opportunities for the profitable investment of capital and more work for the people. Such a policy cannot disturb or unsettle anything, but operates rather as a stimulus to enterprise. No mill or factory will be closed because there is promise of better protection for its products against foreign competition. It is only when there is danger of such a safeguard being withdrawn that industries suspend and distress and depression fall upon business.

But there need be no apprehension that the republican party will fail to do its whole duty in this matter, unless its efforts are thwarted by those whose support it ought to receive. It may not be able to accomplish anything in the present congress, though there is reason to believe that an earnest endeavor will be made to provide the government with more revenue, but it will spare no effort when a republican administration comes into power to give the country a judicious, equitable and satisfactory tariff law.

THE HOUSE SPEAKERSHIP. A report having gone out that Representative Grosvenor of Ohio was an aspirant for speaker of the next house of representatives, in opposition to Mr. Reed, that gentleman has denied the statement, with the accompanying declaration that "Reed will be the speaker of the next house of representatives." That Mr. Reed has some enemies who are disposed to organize opposition to him in the next house there appears to be no doubt. According to one of the most trustworthy of Washington correspondents this hostility is largely among western members, for what they claim to be an ignoring by the speaker of western republicanism and his attitude toward the representatives from the east, who, it is claimed, were given positions of preference on the committees. Other reports are to the effect that the friends of Major McKinley will antagonize Mr. Reed, because the relations between the president-elect and the speaker are not altogether cordial.

himself or competitor. Acts count rather than professions and the attention of the public will be attracted through the press more by successful prosecution of party officers than by any amount of complimentary biographical sketches.

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There are twenty states and four territories in the transmississippi region and of the 5,000 newspapers published this side of the Mississippi the Denver News is the only one besides the Omaha World-Herald that is making an exhibition of itself by trying to force the Transmississippi Exposition into the arena of politics.

Without impugning the motives of our Denver contemporary, which apparently prefers to have no exposition in Omaha, let it be known once and for all time that The Omaha Bee will not discuss its honest convictions or change its views on any great question of national moment because of any threat against the Transmississippi Exposition. The Bee was an outspoken advocate of sound money long before Mr. Bryan was known in Nebraska. It has dealt with Mr. Bryan just as it would have dealt with any other candidate nominated to champion the same cause. It has discussed the issues of the late campaign without violence or personal abuse. It will not be distracted or deterred from pursuing the course which it believes to be for the best interests of the country by any epithets of traitor or any rant about ruining the industries of the mountain states. It will continue also to discuss Mr. Bryan the same as it would any other man who had already announced himself as a candidate for presidential honors in 1896. It will not only discuss Bryan, but also the fallacies and false doctrines for which he stands.

Let it be understood, furthermore, that no explanation or apology will be made by The Bee for its course as a condition precedent to insure the participation of the silver states in the exposition. Those states have as much interest in that enterprise as have the people of Omaha and Nebraska. The people of those states are actuated by higher motives than petty spite work and small local rivalry. It is questionable even whether Denver News has any right to speak for Denver, much less for Colorado. At any rate the success of the Transmississippi Exposition is assured.

When the chief proprietor of the Fake-Mill went into the silver mining states in quest of campaign boodle he fell his advent was immediately followed by threats in Colorado papers that unless Omaha turned in for Bryan and free silver the silver states would take no part in the Transmississippi Exposition. This bold attempt to coerce the sound money men of this city to support the free silver candidate for president was promptly resented and denounced by The Bee. In expressing the conviction that the defeat of McKinley would be followed by financial convulsion that would paralyze commerce and industry and make an exposition in 1898 impossible The Bee only voiced the view of every rational business man. It was not The Bee that dragged the exposition into politics, but the marplot who instigated the threats in the Denver papers. The attempt to rekindle a sectional opposition to the exposition under pretense of political antagonism comes from the same source and is prompted by the same motives as was the Jonah clamor of 1890. The jealousy of mediocrity will assert itself at every turn.

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MORTON'S VIEW ON FINANCE

Secretary Says This is Not a Matter for Politicians to Settle. BUSINESS MEN SHOULD GET TOGETHER Commercial Bodies of the Country Should Agree Upon a Plan for Reform and Order Congress to Pass It.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Secretary Morton is very much interested in the success of the movement inaugurated by a preliminary meeting of the representatives of some of the commercial organizations of the country at Indianapolis Tuesday to secure a general convention of the representatives of commercial, banking and business associations for the purpose of framing a practical scheme of currency reform to be urged on congress. He has long been of the opinion that if the business interests of the country would formulate their demands as to remedial financial legislation and were a united front in support, they could bring enough pressure to bear on congress to compel action in the line of their wishes.

Almost a year ago Secretary Morton made this suggestion in a speech before the New York Board of Trade and Transportation. On that occasion he said: "Why cannot the business interests of the country, through their representatives in congress, formulate such legislation as they see fit to propose? Why should it be left to politicians to do what the business interests of the country would do better for themselves? Why should the government be burdened with the responsibility of doing what the business interests of the country would do better for themselves? Why should the government be burdened with the responsibility of doing what the business interests of the country would do better for themselves?"

Members of the House Divided in Sentiment Over the Measure. WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Mr. Tammey of Minnesota, one of the republican members of the ways and means committee of the house, is one of those who strongly opposes the passage of the Dingley bill at this session of congress.

THE IRISH IN AMERICA. Will They Continue Groping Among Democratic Tombstones? John Brennan, in Northwestern Ontario, the Irish in America, are a rare and individual will rise or fall in America to the level that belongs to them. This action gives to every man a ladder, and the Irish are to be congratulated on their courage and duty, they will climb to the top of their strength.

IOWA PRISON ESCAPE. Carroll Herald: In one respect at least the improvement in times is manifest in Iowa. It is no longer necessary to go to good security and many are taking advantage of it. A number of farmers and stock feeders have bought cattle to which they are going to feed the cheap corn of this section.

Northwestern Declares a Dividend. NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The directors of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent on the preferred stock, and a semi-annual dividend of 2 1/2 per cent on the common stock.

THE WAR ON TRUSTS.

New York World: The Paper trust is composed of men each of whom is a deliberate lawbreaker, legally liable to a year in the penitentiary. Its proposal to put a monopoly tax on knowledge is even worse than the robbery of a hundred other trusts which are contented by millions now in office.

President Cleveland Suspend the Free Portage Dues. WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The president has issued a proclamation suspending, after January next, the operations of the act which relieves German vessels entering United States ports from the payment of tonnage dues and other shipping charges.

Condition of the Treasury. WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$25,449,936; gold reserve, \$12,122,000.

Death Will Be the Penalty if Convicted. NEVADA, Mo., Dec. 3.—In the trial of the alleged Nassau train robbers here, the defendants, William B. Morris, Harry Vaughn and William Rogers, were positively identified by the trainmen.

Next Killed a Congressman. LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 3.—William Emmett of Bell county made an attempt to kill Congressman D. G. Colson. Emmett was pursuing an eloping daughter, and finding her way to Colson's home, he shot the congressman and made his attack. He was prevented from doing harm.

HERE is a chance that may interest you. Saturday morning we place on sale a splendid assortment of boys' 2-piece suits—7 to 16 years—brown, gray and tan mixtures. Neat checks and fancy plaids in Scotch tweeds and chevots. These are our high standard clothes and every one wanted to wear give perfect satisfaction or your money back.

Chicago Tribune: Judging from past experience the greater enemy of trusts is not the trusts themselves, but the public. When one of these organizations is about starting it talks in the most friendly and affectionate way to the public, and promises them all manner of good things. But when once fairly at work, and when it feels that the consequences of its power the trust always throws off the mask and talks contemptuously. "More money." That is what the Paper trust will be doing soon. Then what will be the consequences of its power?

Chicago Tribune: "Do you notice any restoration of confidence since the election?" asks Mr. Foran, who is generally supposed to feel any easier than they did before.

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